

**Nebraska Health and Human Services System
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**Child
Abuse or
Neglect**

**Annual
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for Calendar Year 2004

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Information on Child Abuse or Neglect for Calendar Year 2004

This report provides information from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) about child abuse or neglect in Nebraska for calendar year 2004. It also provides statutory child protective service references; responsibilities of law enforcement, the courts, and HHS; an overview of steps followed as cases go through the HHS Protection and Safety System; information about HHS' collaborations around domestic violence; and a glossary of items.

In calendar year 2004:

- ◆ **Investigations:** 13,291 reports of child abuse or neglect were investigated by HHS compared to 6,362 in 1999. This represents a 108.9 percent increase in the total number of reports investigated since 1999. Compared to 9,296 in 2003, this represents a 42.9 percent increase in the total number of reports investigated.
- ◆ **Substantiated Cases:** 3,336 allegations of abuse or neglect were substantiated, compared to 2,054 in 1999. This is 62.4 percent increase in substantiated cases since 1999. Compared to 2,423 in 2003, this is a 37.7 percent increase in substantiated cases.
- ◆ **Number of children involved:** 4,896 children were involved, compared to 3,050 in 1999. This is a 60.5 percent increase compared to 1999. Compared to 3,610 in 2003, this is a 35.6 percent increase in involved children.

STATEWIDE, STATISTICS, CALENDAR YEARS 1995 - 2004			
Calendar Year	Total Cases Investigated	Number of Substantiated Cases	Involved Children
1995	7,858	2,072	3,510
1996	8,346	2,135	3,612
1997	8,140	2,326	4,054
1998	8,360	2,254	3,777
1999	6,362	2,054	3,050
2000	6,686	2,191	3,147
2001	7,121	2,177	3,206
2002	7,200	2,316	3,434
2003	9,296	2,423	3,610
2004	13,291	3,336	4,896



Statutory Child Protective Service References

- ◆ All citizens are required by state law to report suspected child abuse or neglect by calling 1-800-652-1999 or contacting law enforcement.
- ◆ Nebraska Revised Statutes sections 28-710 through 28-727 define the terms “abuse” and “neglect” and outline reporting responsibilities. Responsibilities for law enforcement and Health and Human Services are described.
- ◆ Nebraska Revised Statutes section 43-407 sets out the powers and duties of the Department of Health and Human Services relating to the protection of children.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is the state agency responsible for child welfare and child protection. Services are provided to: children and families with issues involving abuse, neglect, and dependency; and youth that violate the law or have mental health issues. A four member Policy Cabinet appointed by the Governor, oversees the entire Health and Human Services System.

Law Enforcement and the Courts’ Responsibilities in Child Abuse or Neglect Cases

Different entities become involved at various times in child abuse cases. Only Law Enforcement or judges have authority to remove children from their homes. County attorneys are responsible for filing charges against those who victimize children. Law enforcement may be involved in investigations in which HHS does not become involved and vice versa depending on local protocols established between HHS and law enforcement.

Health and Human Services Responsibilities in Child Abuse or Neglect Cases

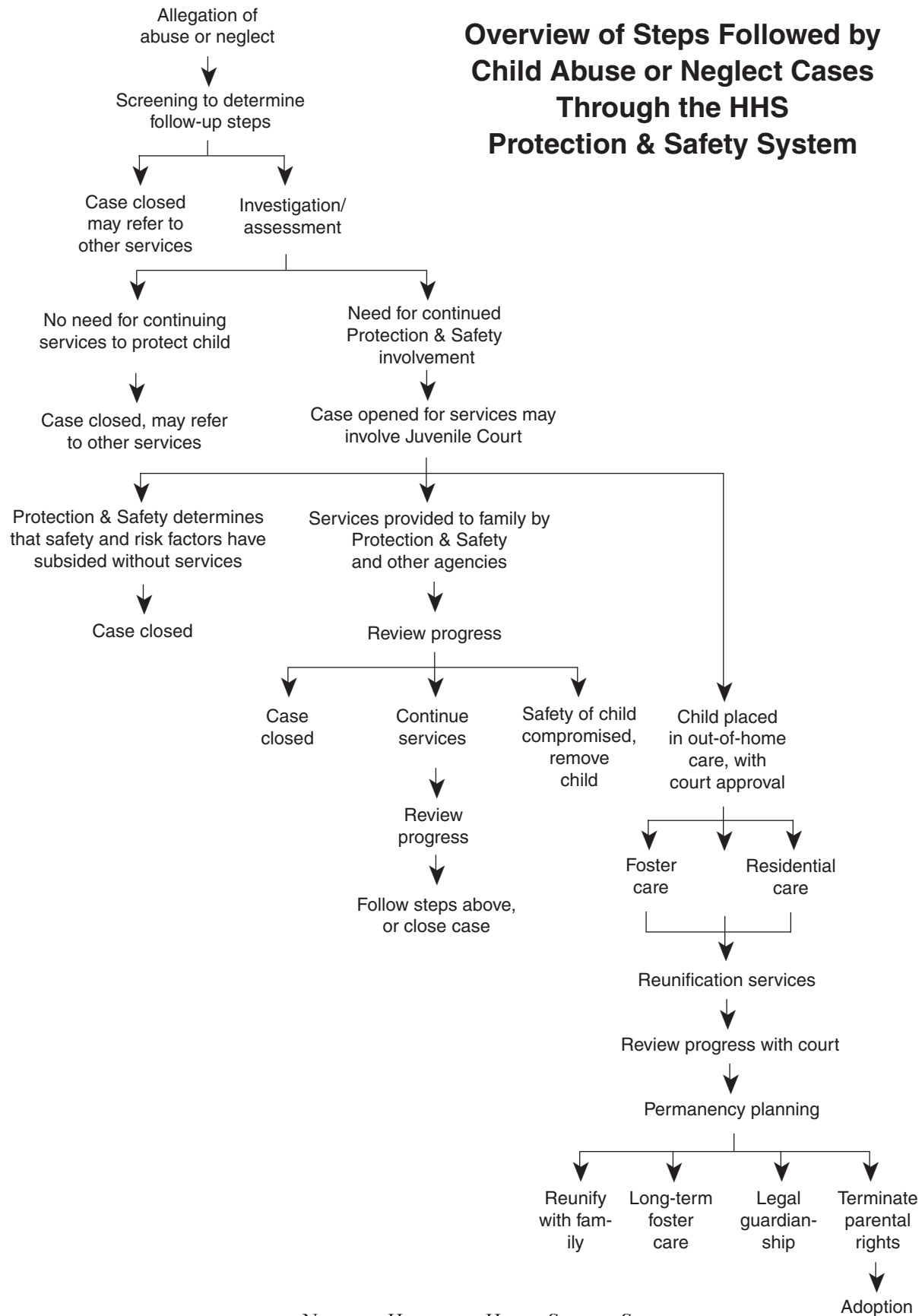
The Department of Health and Human Services develops policy and guidelines to conduct work relating to abuse or neglect. In investigations where HHS becomes involved, employees assess for child safety and risk to the child and other children in the family, provide services to the child and may provide counseling and other family support services for other members of the family. If children are removed from their homes by law enforcement or the courts, HHS is usually given custody and responds by finding an appropriate temporary placement for the children.

Context for the Data in This Report:

- ◆ *Data Source:* The data for years prior to 1998 is from the Child Welfare Legacy Computer system. All information since 1998 is from N-FOCUS, HHS’ Nebraska Family On-Line Client User System, developed in part with Federal Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS) funding. All States are required to submit data on child abuse or neglect cases, foster care and adoption. Information for 1998 are estimate since that is the year the State of Nebraska converted from the Child Welfare Legacy Computer system to SACWIS.
- ◆ *Time period for this report:* The data relates to reports received during calendar year 2004. However, not all reports were completed in 2004.
- ◆ *Change in data extraction formulas:* During data extraction for the Calendar year 2003 Annual Report, a problem was identified with previously used extraction formulas which had resulted in some records being counted multiple times. The formulas were improved in 2004 to correct this, resulting in changes in the data previously reported for Calendar Years 1999 – 2003. This change also resulted in actual data being provided for CY 1999 and CY 2000, where it was previously reported that some estimated data was used for those Annual Reports.



Overview of Steps Followed by Child Abuse or Neglect Cases Through the HHS Protection & Safety System



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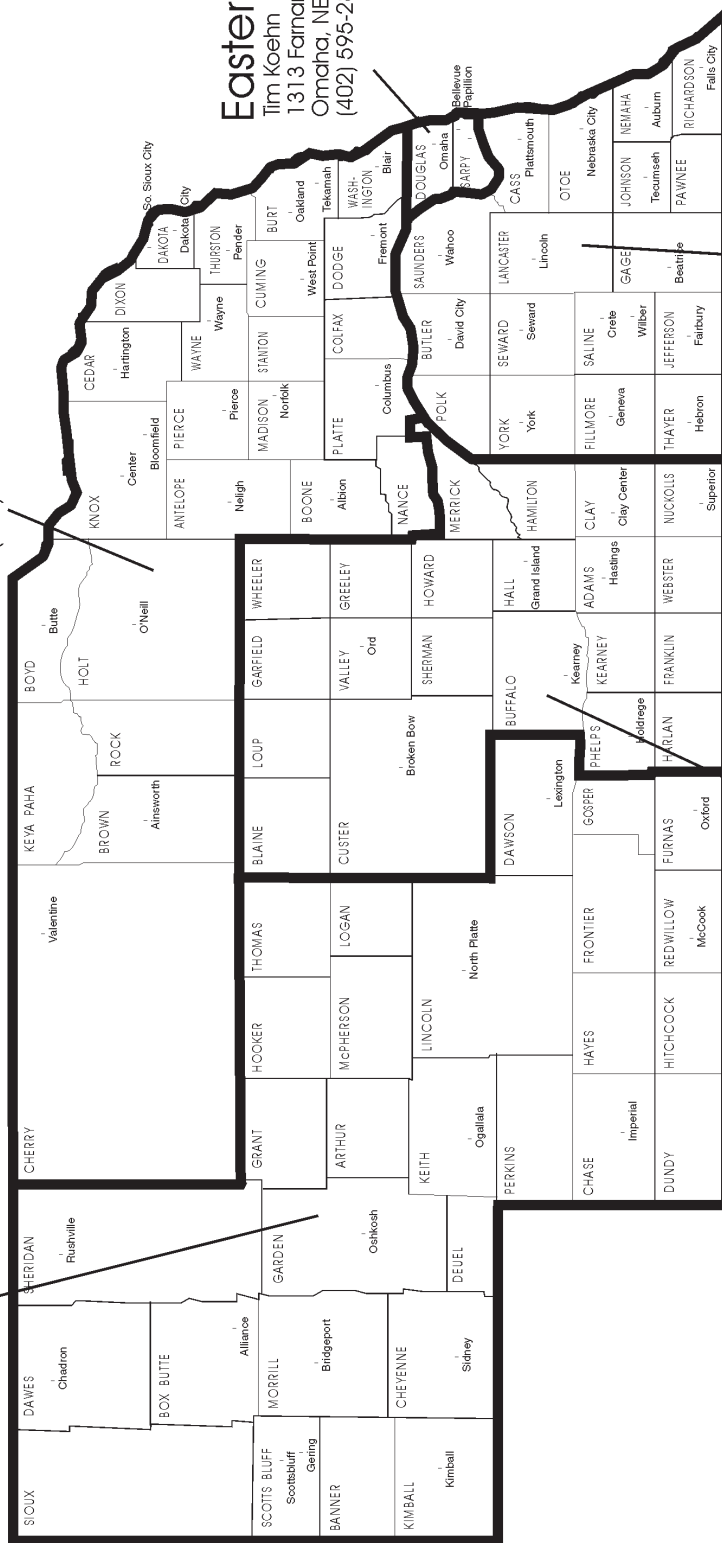
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HHS/Domestic Violence Collaboration

Nationally and in Nebraska, there is a strong correlation between domestic violence and child abuse. Often, the domestic violence perpetrator is not only abusing his adult partner, but is also abusing the children in the home. Consider the following statistics:

- ◆ The majority of studies indicate that between 30%-60% of families where either child maltreatment or domestic violence is occurring, the other form of violence is also present. (Edleson, J. "The Overlap Between Child Maltreatment & Woman Battering", 1999.)
- ◆ Researchers have estimated that 3.3 to 10 million U.S. children annually witness assaults by one parent against another. (Ending Violence Against Women: An Agenda For The Nation, 2000.)
- ◆ In a study by the Nebraska Governor's Children's Task Force, domestic violence was identified as either a direct factor or part of the family's history in 46% of the child death cases studied. (2003, Child Death Review Team Report to the Governor's Children's Task Force, November 2003.)

The Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services and Nebraska's Network of Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Agencies have a long history of collaboration. One of the most recent projects is the placement of domestic violence "liaisons" at the local NHHS office to serve as a resource to both staff and clients.

Since 2002, NHHS has awarded nine (9) grants to support advocate liaisons that serve as a link between the crisis program and the HHSS office. The liaisons are currently based in the following ten communities: Auburn, Bellevue, Columbus, Grand Island, Hastings, Lexington, Lincoln, North Platte, Omaha, and Scottsbluff.

Eleven (11) domestic violence/sexual assault agencies are involved with the liaison sites. The liaisons at these programs spend a portion of their time at the local office of the Department of Health & Human Services. While most of these liaisons focus primarily on working with the child protective services staff, many also work with the Employment First staff and the contract agencies that provide ongoing case management for Employment First clients.

A sample of liaison activities include: working directly with domestic violence victims within the HHS system and coordinating services when possible (with a release of information), working directly with victims through the crisis program to explain the Child Protective Services process and/or the Employment First process & benefits, "checking in" with HHS staff through informal contacts, attendance at multidisciplinary meetings (LB1184 teams), attending HHS staff meetings, and presentations on domestic & sexual violence. During the 2003-2004 year, the advocate liaisons worked with 499 people regarding joint child abuse and domestic violence needs.

During 2003-2004, the 22 community based programs served 7,799 people, including 1,583 children. Over two thousand people (2,222) received shelter, including 1,271 children. The programs also provided 57,815 hours of support and assistance to victims of domestic and sexual violence of all ages.



Glossary of Terms

Central Register: The Central Register is a list of individuals identified as having been responsible for child abuse or neglect following an investigation either by law enforcement, the Department, or both.

Central Registry: Data pertaining to child abuse or neglect.

Child Maltreatment: Maltreatment occurs when a child age birth through age 17 is physically, emotionally, or sexually harmed.

Abuse:

- **Physical:** Information indicates the existence of an injury that is unexplained; not consistent with the explanation given; or is non-accidental. The information may also only indicate a substantial risk of bodily injury.
- **Emotional:** Information indicates psychopathological or disturbed behavior in a child which is documented by a psychiatrist, psychologist or licensed mental health practitioner to be the result of continual scapegoating, rejection or exposure to violence by the child's parent/caretaker.
- **Sexual:** Information indicates any sexually oriented act, practice, contact, or interaction in which the child is or has been used for the sexual stimulation of a parent, the child, or other person.

Neglect:

- **Emotional neglect:** Information which indicates that the child is suffering or has suffered severe negative effects due to a parent's failure to provide the opportunities for normal experience which produce feelings of being loved, wanted, secure and worthy. Lack of such opportunities may impair the child's ability to form healthy relationships with others.
- **Physical neglect:** The failure of the parent to provide for the basic needs, or provide a safe and sanitary living environment for the child.
- **Medical Neglect of Handicapped Infant:** The withholding of medically indicated treatment (appropriate nutrition, hydration, and medication) from disabled infants with life-threatening conditions. Exceptions include those situations in which the infant is chronically and irreversibly comatose; the provision of this treatment would merely prolong dying or not be effective in ameliorating or correcting all of the infant's life-threatening conditions, and the provisions of the treatment itself under these conditions would be inhumane.

Child Welfare: Provides a broad spectrum of services that starts with; taking child abuse and neglect reports, assessment of safety and risk to the child and providing needed intervention when indicated. It includes services that help to preserve families, enhance family strengths and functioning by actively engaging families in decision making, assessing needs, and linking with resources. It also includes services that children require when placed outside of the home in foster care and other levels of group home or therapeutic living arrangements. Finally, when children aren't able to return home safely, children are assisted to permanent living arrangements through services and supports such as adoption, guardianship or other long-term arrangements.



Family Assessment: An in-depth assessment of critical issues that relate to the safety and risk of the child. This assessment lays the foundation for a family-centered, child-focused approach to case planning and service delivery.

Findings: There are five categories of findings: Court substantiated, Petition to be filed, Inconclusive, Unable to locate, and Unfounded.

- ◆ **Court Substantiated:** A District Court, County Court, or Separate Juvenile Court has entered a judgement of guilty on a criminal complaint, indictment, or information, or an adjudication of jurisdiction on a juvenile petition under Section 43-247 (3)(a), and the judgement or adjudication relates or pertains to the same matter as the report of abuse or neglect.
- ◆ **Petition to be Filed:** A criminal complaint, indictment, or information or a juvenile petition under Section 247(3)(a), has been filed in District Court, County Court, or Separate Juvenile Court, and the allegations of the complaint, indictment, information, or juvenile petition relate or pertain to the same subject matter as the report of abuse or neglect.
- ◆ **Inconclusive:** The evidence indicates it is more likely than not (preponderance of evidence standard) that the child abuse or neglect occurred, and a court adjudication did not occur.
- ◆ **Unable to Locate:** Subjects of the maltreatment report have not been located after a good-faith effort on the part of the Department.
- ◆ **Unfounded:** All reports not classified as “court substantiated,” “petition to be filed,” “inconclusive” or “unable to locate” will be classified as “Unfounded.”

Intake: The process of documenting all reports of child abuse and neglect. Intake includes the activities associated with receiving and screening of the referral, determining the appropriateness of accepting the referral for assessment, and if accepted, determining the correct priority for department response. Intake also may refer the reporter to other community agencies if the situation is not appropriate for HHS intervention.

Initial Assessment: The gathering and analyzing of information in response to reports of suspected child abuse or neglect, to determine which families need further intervention. During this phase the Protection and Safety Worker is primarily concerned with child safety. The worker determines if child maltreatment did occur, determines the level of risk, and arranges services as necessary to protect the child.

Perpetrator: The person who was found to have committed an offense, as in abuse or neglect of a child.

State Ward: When a court of competent jurisdiction gives custody of a child under the age of 18 to the state, that child becomes a state ward. This is done to provide for safety and/or to facilitate the provisions of services. The State acts as the child’s parent.



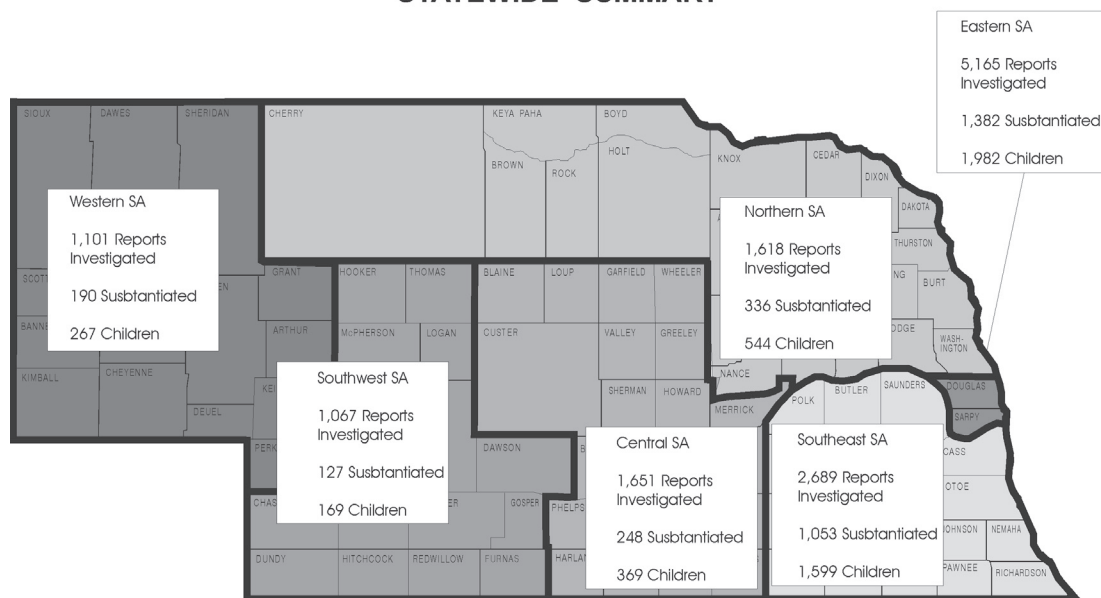
**NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS STATISTICS
STATEWIDE SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATED REPORTS - CY 2004**

Service Area	Total Abuse or Neglect Reports Investigated	Number of Substantiated Abuse or Neglect Reports	Total Children Involved in Substantiated Reports
Central	1,651	248	369
Eastern	5,165	1,382	1,982
Northern	1,618	336	544
Southeast	2,689	1,053	1,599
Southwest	1,067	127	169
Western	1,101	190	267
Total	13,291	3,336	4,930
Statewide Unduplicated	13,291	3,336	4,896

NOTE: Children involved in more than one service area are counted for each service area, but unduplicated at the state level.

- The number of child abuse or neglect investigations completed by HHS in calendar year 2004 was 13,291. This is a 43.0% percent increase when compared to the 9,296 cases investigated in 2003.
- The number of child abuse or neglect investigations substantiated in calendar year 2004 was 3,336. This is a 37.6% percent increase when compared to the 2,423 substantiated case in 2003.
- The Governor designated \$100,000 for the 2004 state fiscal year to fund public service announcements through partnership with the Nebraska Broadcasters Association. The campaign theme is "You Have the Power to Protect a Child" and focused on the requirement to report child abuse and neglect to the hotline. This Public Awareness Campaign is believed to have contributed to an increase of reports of child abuse and neglect.
- Nebraska fully implemented a New Intake Tool during 2003. The new intake tool has an increased focus on risk in addition to maltreatment. It is believed this new tool may have contributed to more reports being accepted for investigation.

STATEWIDE SUMMARY



Nebraska Health & Human Services
Child Abuse or Neglect Reports By Service Area CY - 2004

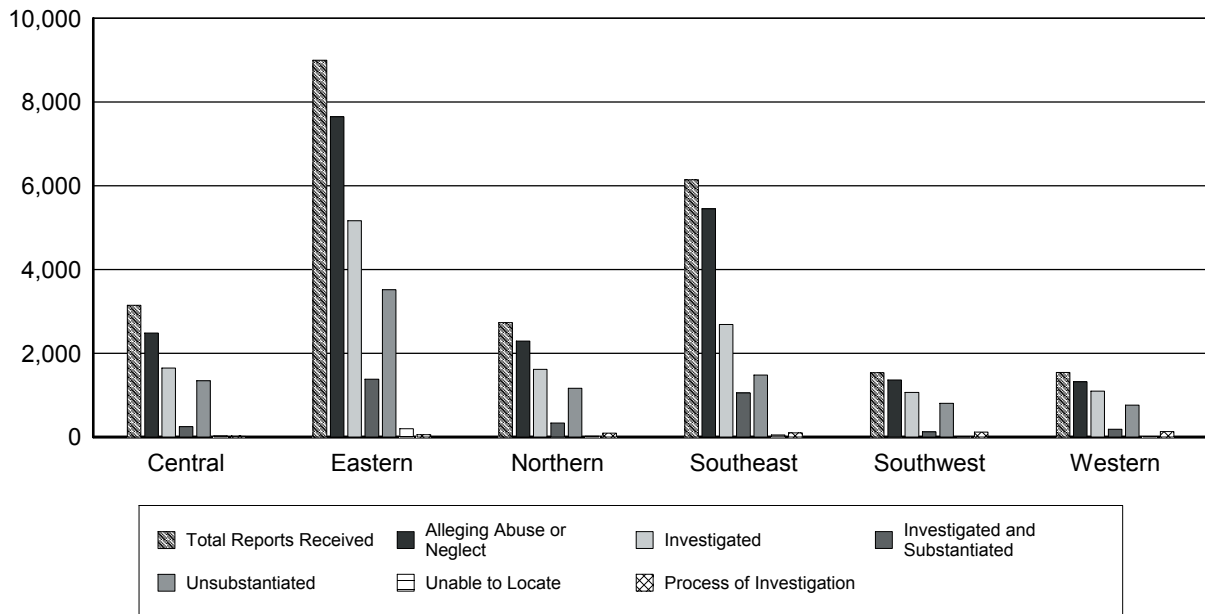
	Total Reports Received	Total Reports Alleging Abuse or Neglect 1	Total Abuse or Neglect Reports Investigated or in Process 2	Total Abuse or Neglect Reports Investigated that were Substantiated 3	Total Abuse or Neglect Reports Investigated that were Unsubstantiated 3	Total Abuse or Neglect Reports Investigated that were Unable to Locate 3	Total Abuse or Neglect Reports in Process of Investigation 3
Central	3,150	2,484 (78.9%)	1,651 (66.5%)	248 (15.0%)	1,348 (81.6%)	26 (1.6%)	29 (1.8%)
Eastern	9,002	7,652 (85.0%)	5,165 (67.5%)	1,382 (26.8%)	3,520 (68.2%)	203 (3.9%)	60 (1.2%)
Northern	2,733	2,294 (83.9%)	1,618 (70.5%)	336 (20.8%)	1,165 (72.0%)	23 (1.4%)	94 (5.8%)
Southeast	6,147	5,451 (88.7%)	2,689 (49.3%)	1,053 (39.2%)	1,479 (55.0%)	54 (2.0%)	103 (3.8%)
Southwest	1,536	1,367 (89.0%)	1,067 (78.1%)	127 (11.9%)	809 (75.8%)	10 (0.9%)	121 (11.3%)
Western	1,543	1,320 (85.5%)	1,101 (83.4%)	190 (17.3%)	763 (69.3%)	14 (1.3%)	134 (12.2%)
Total	24,111	20,568 (85.3%)	13,291 (64.6%)	3,336 (25.1%)	9,084 (68.3%)	330 (2.5%)	541 (4.1%)

1 Denotes % when compared to "Total Reports Received".

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Child Abuse or Neglect Reports by Service Area
CY - 2004



Nebraska Health & Human Services
Child Abuse or Neglect Reports By County CY - 2004

	Total Reports Received	Total Reports Alleging Abuse or Neglect 1	Total Abuse or Neglect Reports Investigated or in Process 2	Total Abuse or Neglect Reports Investigated that were Substantiated 3	Total Abuse or Neglect Reports Investigated that were Unsubstantiated 3	Total Abuse or Neglect Reports Investigated that were Unable to Locate 3	Total Abuse or Neglect Reports in Process of Investigation 3
Adams	503	422 (83.9%)	282 (66.8%)	40 (14.2%)	234 (83.0%)	6 (2.1%)	2 (0.7%)
Box Butte	260	200 (76.9%)	157 (78.5%)	21 (13.4%)	94 (59.9%)	2 (1.3%)	40 (25.5%)
Brown	37	33 (89.2%)	25 (75.8%)	3 (12.0%)	21 (84.0%)	1 (4.0%)	0 0.0%
Buffalo	1,483	1,086 (73.2%)	690 (63.5%)	77 (11.2%)	593 (85.9%)	9 (1.3%)	11 (1.6%)
Burt	44	40 (90.9%)	30 (75.0%)	4 (13.3%)	22 (73.3%)	0 0.0%	4 (13.3%)
Butler	118	102 (86.4%)	57 (55.9%)	23 (40.4%)	32 (56.1%)	0 0.0%	2 (3.5%)
Cass	244	229 (93.9%)	135 (59.0%)	39 (28.9%)	89 (65.9%)	5 (3.7%)	2 (1.5%)
Cherry	56	49 (87.5%)	39 (79.6%)	6 (15.4%)	30 (76.9%)	3 (7.7%)	0 0.0%
Cheyenne	155	149 (96.1%)	127 (85.2%)	23 (18.1%)	88 (69.3%)	4 (3.1%)	12 (9.4%)
Cuming	42	34 (81.0%)	26 (76.5%)	2 (7.7%)	23 (88.5%)	0 0.0%	1 (3.8%)
Custer	279	229 (82.1%)	151 (65.9%)	41 (27.2%)	102 (67.5%)	6 (4.0%)	2 (1.3%)
Dakota	216	199 (92.1%)	162 (81.4%)	34 (21.0%)	123 (75.9%)	1 (0.6%)	4 (2.5%)
Dawes	93	88 (94.6%)	72 (81.8%)	6 (8.3%)	61 (84.7%)	0 0.0%	5 (6.9%)
Dawson	332	292 (88.0%)	234 (80.1%)	33 (14.1%)	193 (82.5%)	3 (1.3%)	5 (2.1%)
Dodge	396	360 (90.9%)	246 (88.3%)	39 (15.9%)	203 (82.5%)	2 (0.8%)	2 (0.8%)
Douglas	8,009	6,708 (83.8%)	4,511 (67.2%)	1,230 (27.3%)	3,036 (67.3%)	186 (4.1%)	59 (1.3%)
Fillmore	25	23 (92.0%)	16 (69.6%)	6 (37.5%)	10 (62.5%)	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
Gage	319	299 (93.7%)	132 (44.1%)	31 (23.5%)	92 (69.7%)	4 (3.0%)	5 (3.8%)
Hall	885	747 (84.4%)	528 (70.7%)	90 (17.0%)	419 (79.4%)	5 (0.9%)	14 (2.7%)
Holt	138	114 (82.6%)	86 (75.4%)	26 (30.2%)	57 (66.3%)	2 (2.3%)	1 (1.2%)
Jefferson	66	62 (93.9%)	39 (62.9%)	9 (23.1%)	22 (56.4%)	1 (2.6%)	7 (17.9%)
Johnson	31	30 (96.8%)	17 (56.7%)	2 (11.8%)	12 (70.6%)	2 (11.8%)	1 (5.9%)
Keith	171	153 (89.5%)	126 (82.4%)	21 (16.7%)	102 (81.0%)	3 (2.4%)	0 0.0%
Knox	49	34 (69.4%)	29 (85.3%)	5 (17.2%)	23 (79.3%)	1 (3.4%)	0 0.0%
Lancaster	4,343	3,795 (87.4%)	1,767 (46.6%)	769 (43.5%)	927 (52.5%)	30 (1.7%)	41 (2.3%)
Lincoln	910	812 (89.2%)	625 (77.0%)	79 (12.6%)	451 (72.2%)	4 (0.6%)	91 (14.6%)
Madison	947	742 (78.4%)	459 (61.9%)	93 (20.3%)	331 (72.1%)	3 (0.7%)	32 (7.0%)
Morrill	80	70 (87.5%)	53 (75.7%)	1 (1.9%)	42 (79.2%)	0 0.0%	10 (18.9%)
Nemaha	81	76 (93.8%)	45 (59.2%)	11 (24.4%)	30 (66.7%)	3 (6.7%)	1 (2.2%)
Otoe	144	132 (91.7%)	85 (64.4%)	27 (31.8%)	49 (57.6%)	3 (3.5%)	6 (7.1%)
Pierce	203	181 (89.2%)	127 (70.2%)	15 (11.8%)	82 (64.6%)	1 (0.8%)	29 (22.8%)
Platte	411	349 (84.9%)	266 (76.2%)	56 (21.1%)	201 (75.6%)	7 (2.6%)	2 (0.8%)
Red Willow	294	263 (89.5%)	208 (79.1%)	15 (7.2%)	165 (79.3%)	3 (1.4%)	25 (12.0%)
Richardson	94	86 (91.5%)	45 (52.3%)	14 (31.1%)	30 (66.7%)	0 0.0%	1 (2.2%)
Saline	108	102 (94.4%)	56 (54.9%)	17 (30.4%)	20 (35.7%)	5 (8.9%)	14 (25.0%)
Sarpy	993	944 (95.1%)	654 (69.3%)	152 (23.2%)	484 (74.0%)	17 (2.6%)	1 (0.2%)
Saunders	168	154 (91.7%)	97 (63.0%)	32 (33.0%)	58 (59.8%)	1 (1.0%)	6 (6.2%)
Scotts Bluff	716	598 (83.5%)	511 (85.5%)	105 (20.5%)	337 (65.9%)	4 (0.8%)	65 (12.7%)
Seward	124	106 (85.5%)	46 (43.4%)	19 (41.3%)	26 (56.5%)	0 0.0%	1 (2.2%)
Sheridan	68	62 (91.2%)	55 (88.7%)	13 (23.6%)	39 (70.9%)	1 (1.8%)	2 (3.6%)
Thayer	51	45 (88.2%)	25 (55.6%)	5 (20.0%)	10 (40.0%)	0 0.0%	10 (40.0%)
Thurston	128	96 (75.0%)	79 (82.3%)	41 (51.9%)	20 (25.3%)	2 (2.5%)	16 (20.3%)
Washington	66	63 (95.5%)	44 (69.8%)	12 (27.3%)	29 (65.9%)	0 0.0%	3 (6.8%)
York	231	210 (90.9%)	127 (60.5%)	49 (38.6%)	72 (56.7%)	0 0.0%	6 (4.7%)
Total	24,111	20,568 (85.3%)	13,291 (64.6%)	3,336 (25.1%)	9,084 (68.3%)	330 (2.5%)	541 (4.1%)

NOTE: Some offices serve more than one county.
Counties that do not have offices or did not have a report do not reflect in the table above.

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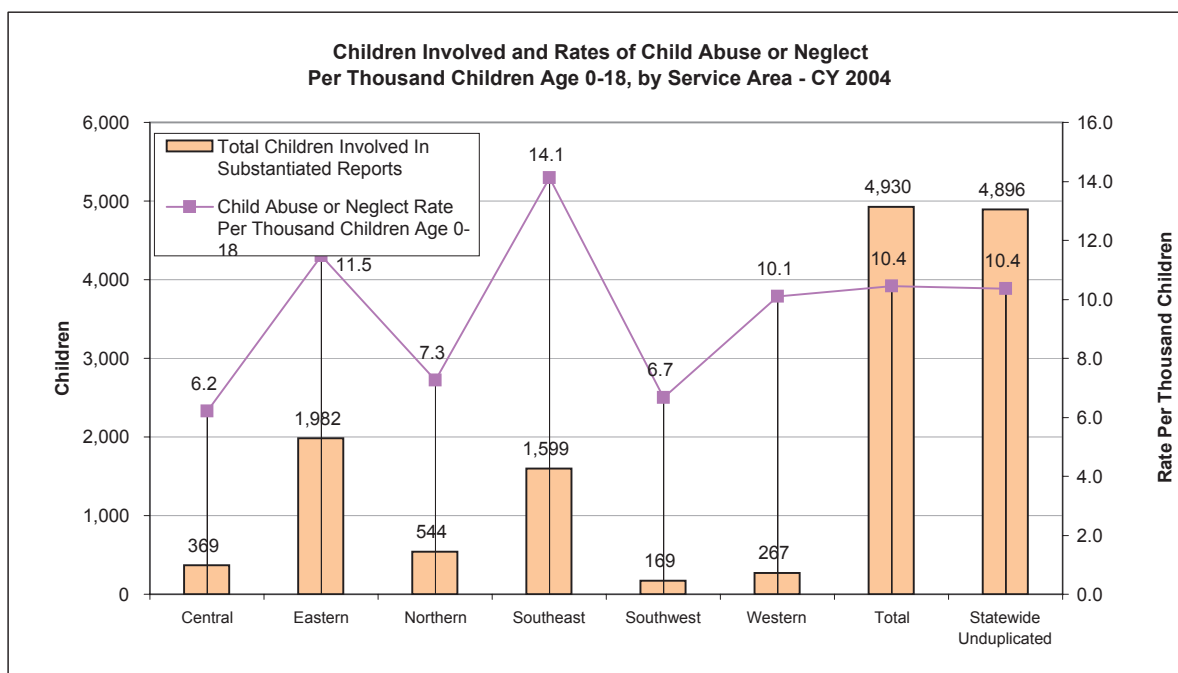


CHILDREN INVOLVED IN SUBSTANTIATED REPORTS BY SERVICE AREA RATES PER THOUSAND CHILDREN AGES 0-18

Service Area	Total Children Involved In Substantiated Reports	Nebraska Population Estimates, 2003 Ages 0-18 *	Child Abuse or Neglect Rate Per Thousand Children Age 0-18
Central	369	59,506	6.2
Eastern	1,982	172,669	11.5
Northern	544	74,978	7.3
Southeast	1,599	113,298	14.1
Southwest	169	25,310	6.7
Western	267	26,449	10.1
Total	4,930	472,210	10.4
Statewide Unduplicated	4,896	472,210	10.4

* Population Source is US Census estimates for 2003

NOTE: Children involved in more than one service area are counted for each service area, but unduplicated at the state level.



Children Involved and Rates of Child Abuse or Neglect Per Thousand Children Age 0-18, by County - CY 2004

Children Involved and Rates of Child Abuse or Neglect Per Thousand Children Age 0-18, by County - CY 2004

COUNTY	Total Children Involved In Substantiated Reports	Nebraska Population Estimates, 2003 Ages 0-18 *	Child Abuse or Neglect Rate Per Thousand Children Age 0-18
Adams	45	7,914	5.7
Box Butte	46	3,271	14.1
Brown	5	857	5.8
Buffalo	120	11,317	10.6
Burt	8	2,006	4.0
Butler	34	2,502	13.6
Cass	81	7,081	11.4
Cherry	7	1,644	4.3
Cheyenne	30	2,628	11.4
Cuming	2	2,671	0.7
Custer	71	3,111	22.8
Dakota	58	6,299	9.2
Dawes	6	2,164	2.8
Dawson	51	7,500	6.8
Dodge	68	9,177	7.4
Douglas	1,769	132,099	13.4
Fillmore	9	1,707	5.3
Gage	45	5,696	7.9
Hall	136	15,338	8.9
Holt	43	2,987	14.4
Jefferson	20	1,895	10.6
Johnson	2	1,104	1.8
Keith	27	2,095	12.9
Knox	6	2,358	2.5
Lancaster	1,142	65,569	17.4
Lincoln	100	9,357	10.7
Madison	159	9,918	16.0
Morrill	1	1,419	0.7
Nemaha	20	1,699	11.8
Otoe	38	4,116	9.2
Pierce	29	2,198	13.2
Platte	77	9,304	8.3
Red Willow	18	2,860	6.3
Richardson	25	2,275	11.0
Saline	32	3,773	8.5
Sarpy	224	40,570	5.5
Saunders	54	5,611	9.6
Scotts Bluff	144	9,872	14.6
Seward	25	4,367	5.7
Sheridan	14	1,472	9.5
Thayer	6	1,391	4.3
Thurston	75	2,746	27.3
Washington	12	5,440	2.2
York	73	3,705	19.7
TOTALS	4,957	423,083	11.7
Statewide Unduplicated	4,896	472,232	10.4

NOTE: Children involved in more than one county are counted for each county area, but unduplicated at the state level. Some offices serve more than one county. Counties that do not have offices or did not have a report do not reflect in the table above. The populations for the counties not listed are included in the Statewide Unduplicated Total.

* Population Source is US Census estimates for 2003



Source of Abuse or Neglect Reports - Statewide

Under Nebraska law, citizens are required to report suspected child abuse or neglect to their local law enforcement agencies or the Department of Health and Human Services. The following table shows the source of referrals received by HHS and the number and percentage of these referrals that were investigated.

Source of Reports CY 2004	Total Reports Alleging Abuse or Neglect		Total Abuse or Neglect Reports Investigated		Percentage of Reports that were Investigated
	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	
Law Enforcement Personnel	3,912	19.0%	2,348	17.7%	60.0%
Educational Personnel	2,410	11.7%	1,650	12.4%	68.5%
Friend/Neighbor	2,024	9.8%	1,358	10.2%	67.1%
Relative	1,916	9.3%	1,311	9.9%	68.4%
Parent/Legal Guardian	2,085	10.1%	1,230	9.3%	59.0%
Anonymous	1,330	6.5%	945	7.1%	71.1%
Hosp/Clinic/Public Health Personnel	1,304	6.3%	841	6.3%	64.5%
Public Social Services Personnel	1,204	5.9%	771	5.8%	64.0%
Unknown	1,034	5.0%	660	5.0%	63.8%
Other	823	4.0%	502	3.8%	61.0%
Private Mental Health Personnel	752	3.7%	471	3.5%	62.6%
Private Social Services Personnel	544	2.6%	333	2.5%	61.2%
Private Doctor/Nurse	287	1.4%	216	1.6%	75.3%
Child Care Personnel	158	0.8%	113	0.9%	71.5%
Public Mental Health Personnel	174	0.8%	101	0.8%	58.0%
Day Care Center Personnel	141	0.7%	99	0.7%	70.2%
Alleged Victim	122	0.6%	92	0.7%	75.4%
Prosecutor	73	0.4%	63	0.5%	86.3%
Private Residential Facility Personnel	85	0.4%	51	0.4%	60.0%
Foster Parent	70	0.3%	45	0.3%	64.3%
Court/Judge	40	0.2%	36	0.3%	90.0%
Public Residential Facility Personnel	53	0.3%	36	0.3%	67.9%
Private Attorney	16	0.1%	11	0.1%	68.8%
Alleged Perpetrator	9	0.0%	6	0.0%	66.7%
Public Defender	2	0.0%	2	0.0%	100.0%
Total	20,568	100.0%	13,291	100.0%	64.6%



Types of Abuse or Neglect in Substantiated Cases - Statewide - CY 2004

In a single case, a child (or children) could have been involved with one or more substantiated types of abuse or neglect so the number of substantiated allegations is larger than the total number of involved children in these instances. If a child was involved in more than one case with substantiated instances of abuse or neglect in both cases, then that child would be counted in each case.

Types of Substantiated Abuse or Neglect Statewide - CY 1995 - 2004

Calendar Year	Physical Abuse	Emotional Abuse	Physical Neglect	Emotional Neglect	Med Neg Hndcp Infant	Sexual Abuse	Children Involved in Substantiated Reports of Abuse
1995	1,228	0	2,490	0	0	406	3,510
1996	1,170	0	2,526	0	0	441	3,612
1997	1,328	0	3,023	0	0	406	4,054
1998	1,075	111	2,762	196	6	394	4,219
1999	822	222	2,501	392	12	383	3,050
2000	899	188	2,798	378	6	381	3,147
2001	988	285	2,857	229	6	372	3,206
2002	853	435	3,364	249	5	372	3,434
2003	829	363	3,712	221	6	363	3,610
2004	969	374	5,787	332	2	441	4,896

- In the State, in 2004 there were 7,905 substantiated allegations of abuse or neglect involving 4,896 children or 1.6 substantiated allegations per child.
- Statewide, physical and emotional neglect together with neglect of medically handicapped infants was the most frequently substantiated form of child abuse or neglect and accounted for 6,121 (77.4%) of all substantiated allegations in 2004.
- Physical and emotional abuse was the second most frequent substantiated form of child abuse or neglect and accounted for 1,343 (17.0%) of all substantiated allegations in 2004.
- Sexual abuse, the third major category of child abuse or neglect, had 441 (5.6%) substantiated allegations in 2004.

Children Involved in Substantiated Reports of Abuse or Neglect By Sex and Type of Abuse or Neglect Allegations - CY 2004

Statewide	Sex		Total
	Female	Male	
Type of Allegation			
Physical Abuse	351	388	739
Emotional Abuse	121	110	231
Sexual Abuse	298	56	354
Emotional Neglect	107	103	210
Physical Neglect	1,625	1,735	3,360
Med Neg Hndcp Infant	2	0	2
Total	2,504	2,392	4,896

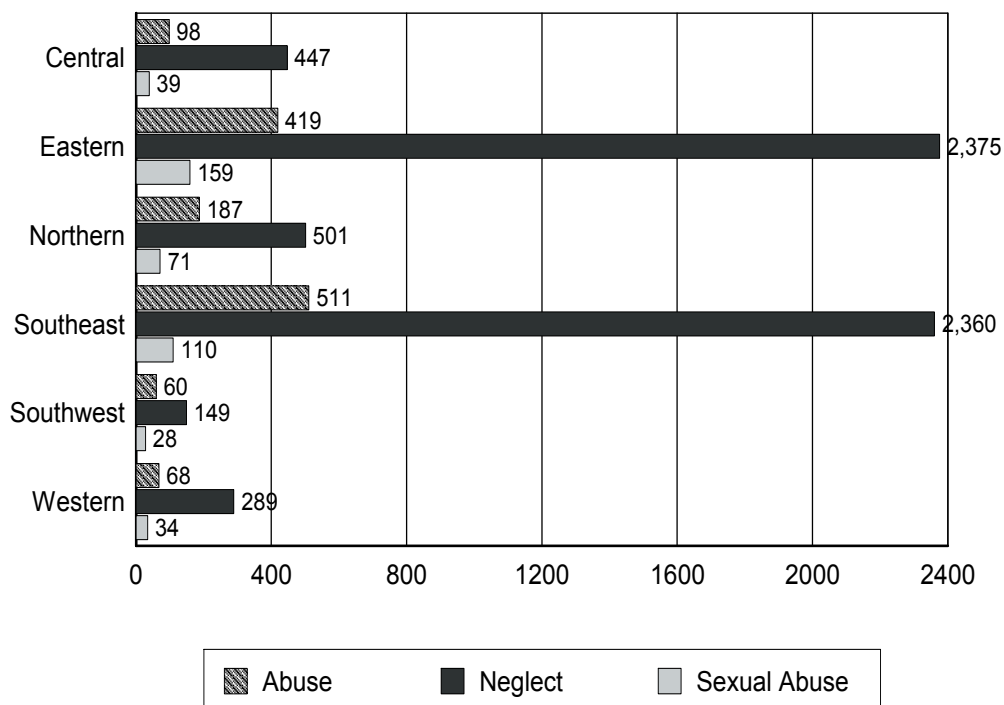


Types of Abuse or Neglect in Substantiated Cases By Service Area - CY 2004

Service Area	Abuse	Neglect	Sexual Abuse	Children Involved in Substantiated Reports of Abuse or Neglect	Percentage of Children
Central	98	447	39	369	7.5%
Eastern	419	2,375	159	1,982	40.5%
Northern	187	501	71	544	11.1%
Southeast	511	2,360	110	1,599	32.7%
Southwest	60	149	28	169	3.5%
Western	68	289	34	267	5.5%
Total	1,343	6,121	441	4,930	100.0%
Percent (Total)	17.0%	77.4%	5.6%	100.0%	
State Unduplicated	1,343	6,121	441	4,896	100.0%
Percent (Undup)	17.0%	77.4%	5.6%	100.0%	

NOTE: Children involved in more than one service area are counted for each service area, but unduplicated at the state level.

Types of Abuse or Neglect in Substantiated Cases By Service Area - CY 2004



**Types of Abuse or Neglect in Substantiated Cases
By County - CY 2004**

Service Area	Abuse	Neglect	Sexual Abuse	Children Involved in Substantiated Reports of Abuse or Neglect	Percentage of Children
Adams	13	64	4	45	0.9%
Box Butte	4	44	6	46	0.9%
Brown	0	9	0	5	0.1%
Buffalo	21	155	17	120	2.5%
Burt	5	6	0	8	0.2%
Butler	7	39	1	34	0.7%
Cass	29	109	3	81	1.7%
Cherry	5	6	0	7	0.1%
Cheyenne	6	31	5	30	0.6%
Cuming	0	1	1	2	0.0%
Custer	41	70	11	71	1.5%
Dakota	28	45	6	58	1.2%
Dawes	3	3	1	6	0.1%
Dawson	21	45	8	51	1.0%
Dodge	20	76	5	68	1.4%
Douglas	372	2,169	122	1,769	36.1%
Fillmore	7	18	0	9	0.2%
Gage	3	62	3	45	0.9%
Hall	23	158	7	136	2.8%
Holt	9	49	3	43	0.9%
Jefferson	11	35	2	20	0.4%
Johnson	0	2	0	2	0.0%
Keith	8	27	2	27	0.6%
Knox	1	1	4	6	0.1%
Lancaster	393	1,733	82	1,142	23.3%
Lincoln	31	92	16	100	2.0%
Madison	47	157	16	159	3.2%
Morrill	0	2	0	1	0.0%
Nemaha	3	29	0	20	0.4%
Otoe	14	53	2	38	0.8%
Pierce	7	30	6	29	0.6%
Platte	26	61	17	77	1.6%
Red Willow	8	12	4	18	0.4%
Richardson	6	28	3	25	0.5%
Saline	8	33	0	32	0.7%
Sarpy	47	206	37	224	4.6%
Saunders	10	79	3	54	1.1%
Scotts Bluff	44	166	17	144	2.9%
Seward	5	38	4	25	0.5%
Sheridan	3	16	3	14	0.3%
Thayer	1	7	1	6	0.1%
Thurston	34	50	12	75	1.5%
Washington	5	10	1	12	0.2%
York	14	95	6	73	1.5%
Totals	1,343	6,121	441	4,957	100.0%
Percent	17.0%	77.4%	5.6%	100.0%	
Statewide Unduplicated	1,343	6,121	441	4,896	100.0%
Percent	17.0%	77.4%	5.6%	100.0%	

**NOTE: Children involved in more than one county are counted for each county, but unduplicated at the state level.
Some offices serve more than one county. Counties that do not have offices or did not have a report do not reflect in the table.**



Characteristics of Children Involved in Abuse or Neglect - Statewide Sex and Age of Involved Children

Statewide	Children Involved in Substantiated Reports by Sex and Age			
Age at Report Date	Female	Male	Total	Percent
<2	394	469	863	17.6%
02	160	198	358	7.3%
03	202	213	415	8.5%
04	159	166	325	6.6%
05	157	188	345	7.0%
06	155	152	307	6.3%
07	135	145	280	5.7%
08	124	142	266	5.4%
09	107	129	236	4.8%
10	137	103	240	4.9%
11	123	115	238	4.9%
12	132	99	231	4.7%
13	125	101	226	4.6%
14	136	76	212	4.3%
15	139	70	209	4.3%
16	90	54	144	2.9%
17	75	27	102	2.1%
Over 17	5	6	11	0.2%
Total	2,555	2,453	5,008	100.0%
Percent (Total)	51.0%	49.0%	100.0%	
Statewide Unduplicated	2,504	2,392	4,896	100.0%
Percent (Undup)	51.1%	48.9%	100.0%	

NOTE: Child age is determined as of the report date to the agency. Children involved in more than one report are counted for each age, but unduplicated at the state level.

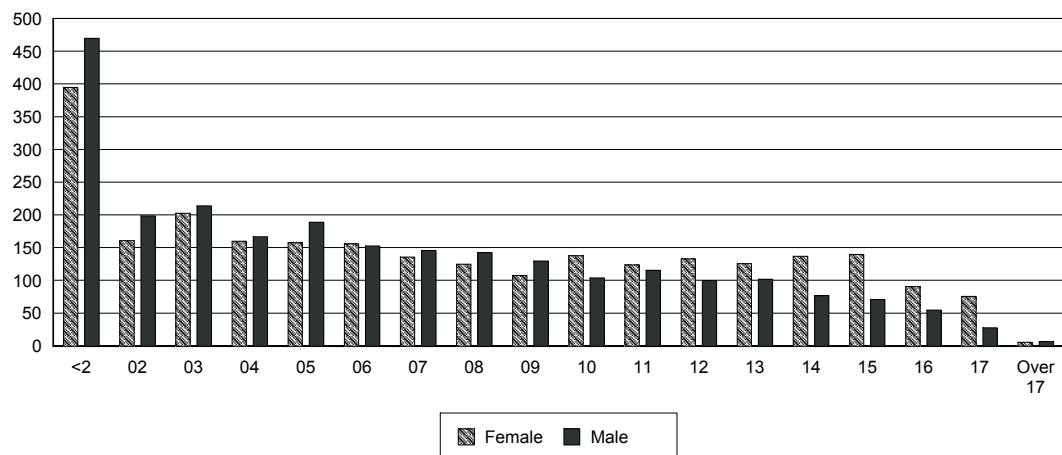
• In the 13,291 investigations of child abuse or neglect in the State in 2004, 3,336 cases were substantiated. The substantiated investigations involved 4,896 children. Of those, 2,504 were female and 2,392 were male.

• The average age for the involved children was **7.3** years.

• The median age of the involved children was **6.6** years.

Children Involved in Substantiated Reports of Abuse or Neglect by Age & Sex

Statewide - CY 2004



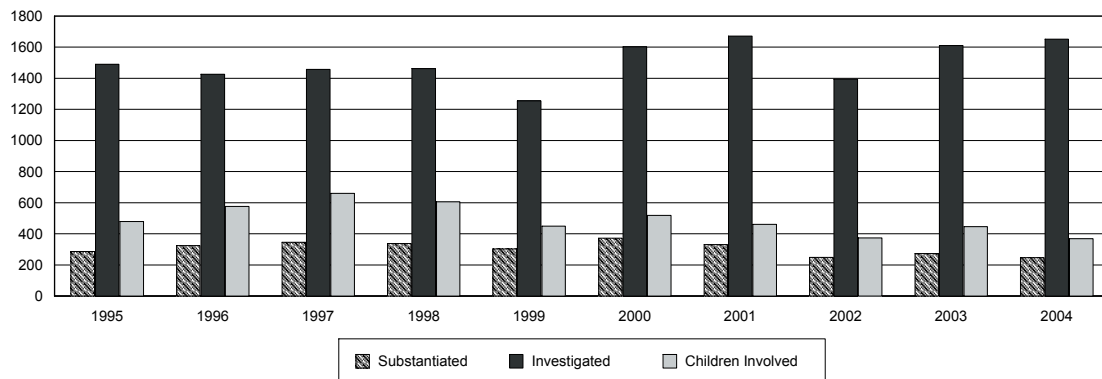
Central Service Area
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS STATISTICS

CALENDAR YEARS 1995 - 2004

Calendar Year	Total Abuse or Neglect Reports Investigated	Total Abuse or Neglect Reports Substantiated	Children Involved in Substantiated Reports
1995	1,491	287	480
1996	1,426	325	577
1997	1,457	347	661
1998	1,462	338	606
1999	1,255	304	450
2000	1,603	373	519
2001	1,671	331	462
2002	1,394	249	374
2003	1,611	274	446
2004	1,651	248	369

The number of child abuse or neglect investigations in the Central Service Area of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services has increase 10.7% from calendar year 1995 - 2004. The number of cases investigated in 2004 was 1,651, a increase of 31.6% since 1999.

Child Abuse or Neglect
Central Service Area



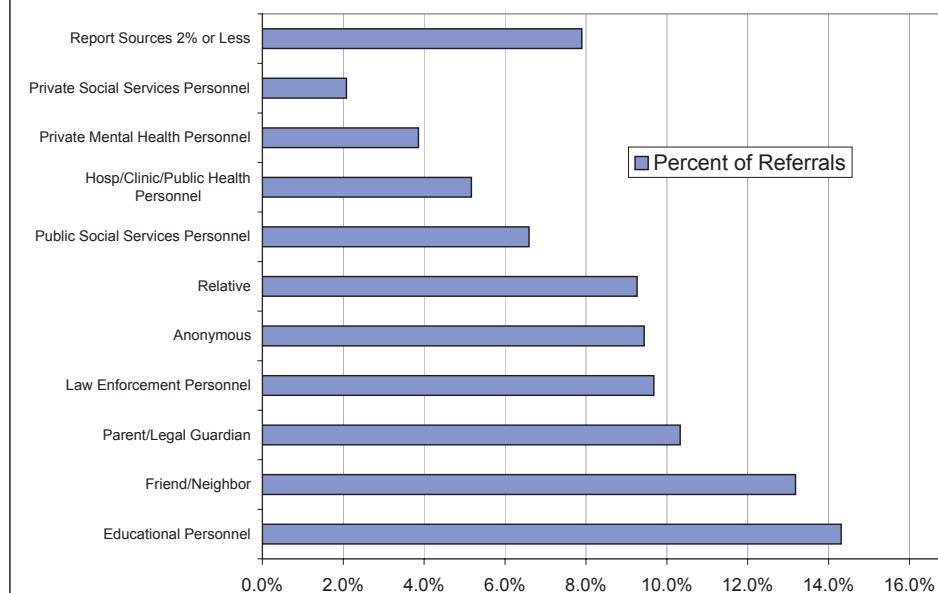
Central Service Area

Source of Abuse or Neglect Reports - CY 2004

Under Nebraska law, citizens are required to report suspected child abuse or neglect to their local law enforcement agencies or the Department. The following table shows the source of reports investigated in the Central Service Area.

Source of Reports	Total Abuse or Neglect Reports Investigated	
	Total	Percent
Educational Personnel	241	14.6%
Friend/Neighbor	222	13.4%
Parent/Legal Guardian	174	10.5%
Law Enforcement Personnel	163	9.9%
Anonymous	159	9.6%
Relative	156	9.4%
Public Social Services Personnel	111	6.7%
Hosp/Clinic/Public Health Personnel	87	5.3%
Private Mental Health Personnel	65	3.9%
Other	57	3.5%
Unknown	51	3.1%
Private Social Services Personnel	35	2.1%
Private Doctor/Nurse	30	1.8%
Child Care Personnel	24	1.5%
Day Care Center Personnel	17	1.0%
Public Mental Health Personnel	16	1.0%
Private Residential Facility Personnel	15	0.9%
Alleged Victim	8	0.5%
Prosecutor	6	0.4%
Court/Judge	5	0.3%
Foster Parent	5	0.3%
Alleged Perpetrator	2	0.1%
Public Residential Facility Personnel	2	0.1%
Total	1,651	100.0%

**Source of Referrals
Central Service Area - CY2004**



Central Service Area
Types of Abuse or Neglect in Substantiated Cases - CY 2004

In a single case, a child (or children) could have been involved with one or more substantiated types of abuse or neglect so the number of substantiated allegations is larger than the total number of involved children in these instances. If a child was involved in more than one case with substantiated instances of abuse or neglect in both cases, then that child would be counted in each case.

Types of Substantiated Abuse or Neglect
Central Service Area - CY 1995 - 2004

Calendar Year	Physical Abuse	Emotional Abuse	Physical Neglect	Emotional Neglect	Med Neg Hndcp Infant	Sexual Abuse	Children Involved in Substantiated Reports of Abuse
1995	149	0	298	0	0	52	480
1996	183	0	363	0	0	63	577
1997	198	0	481	0	0	47	661
1998	179	0	446	0	0	55	593
1999	160	77	411	38	0	63	525
2000	136	32	611	21	2	76	621
2001	126	9	525	13	1	62	523
2002	95	17	368	22	3	72	374
2003	127	20	469	19	0	49	446
2004	68	30	438	8	1	39	369

In the Central Service Area there were 584 substantiated allegations of abuse or neglect involving 369 children or 1.6 substantiated allegations per child in 2004.

- Physical and emotional neglect together with neglect of medically handicapped infants was the most frequently substantiated form of child abuse or neglect and accounted for 447 (76.5%) of all substantiated allegations in 2004.
- Physical and emotional abuse was the second most frequent substantiated form of child abuse or neglect and accounted for 98 (16.8%) of all substantiated allegations in 2004.
- Sexual abuse, the third major category of child abuse or neglect, had 39 (6.7%) substantiated allegations in 2004.

Children Involved in Substantiated Reports of Abuse or Neglect
By Sex and Type of Abuse or Neglect Allegations - CY 2004

Type of Allegation	Sex		Total
	Female	Male	
Physical Abuse	24	30	54
Emotional Abuse	9	9	18
Sexual Abuse	27	5	32
Emotional Neglect	3	3	6
Physical Neglect	131	127	258
Med Neg Hndcp Infant	1	0	1
Total	195	174	369



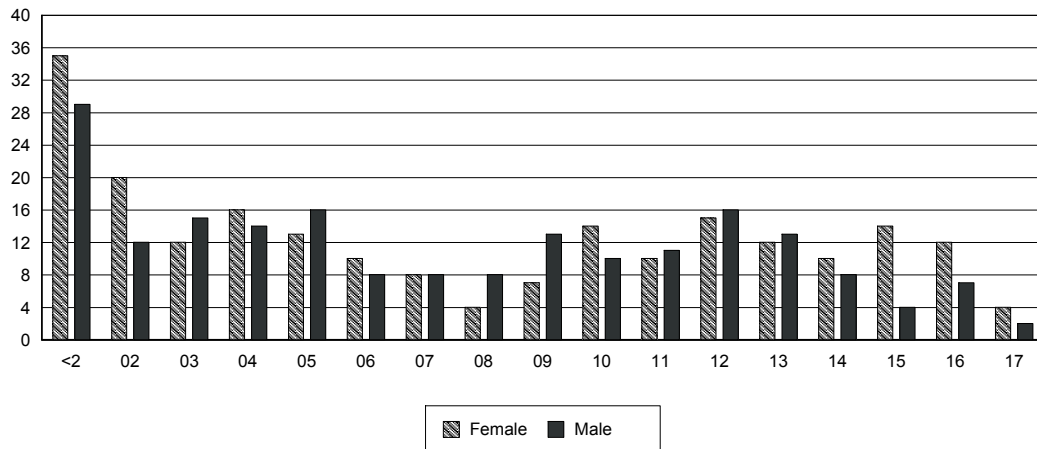
Central Service Area - CY 2004
Characteristics of Children Involved in Abuse or Neglect - Statewide
Sex and Age of Involved Children

Statewide	Children Involved in Substantiated Reports by Sex and Age			
Age at Report Date	Female	Male	Total	Percent
<2	34	28	62	16.8%
02	19	11	30	8.1%
03	11	14	25	6.8%
04	15	13	28	7.6%
05	12	15	27	7.3%
06	9	7	16	4.3%
07	7	7	14	3.8%
08	3	7	10	2.7%
09	6	12	18	4.9%
10	13	9	22	6.0%
11	9	10	19	5.1%
12	14	15	29	7.9%
13	11	12	23	6.2%
14	9	7	16	4.3%
15	13	3	16	4.3%
16	11	6	17	4.6%
17	3	1	4	1.1%
Total	199	177	376	100.0%
Percent (Total)	52.9%	47.1%	100.0%	
Statewide Unduplicated	195	174	369	100.0%
Percent (Undup)	52.8%	47.2%	100.0%	

NOTE: Child age is determined as of the report date to the agency. Children involved in more than one report are counted for each age, but unduplicated at the state level.

- In the 1,651 investigations of child abuse or neglect in the Central Service Area in 2004, 248 cases were substantiated. The substantiated investigations involved 369 children. Of those, 195 were female and 174 were male.
- The average age for the involved children was 7.5 years.
- The median age of the involved children was 6.6 years.

Children Involved in Substantiated Reports of Abuse or Neglect by Age & Sex
Central Service Area - CY 2004



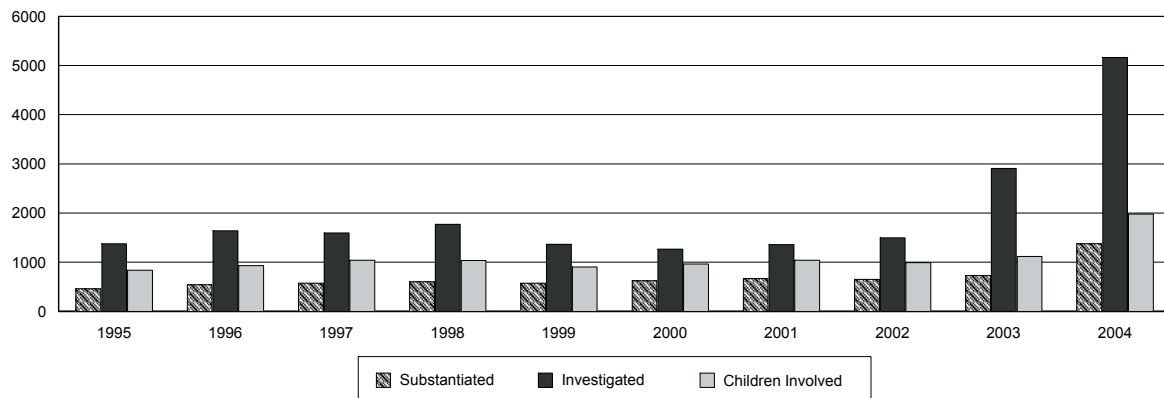
Eastern Service Area
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS STATISTICS

CALENDAR YEARS 1995 - 2004

Calendar Year	Total Abuse or Neglect Reports Investigated	Total Abuse or Neglect Reports Substantiated	Children Involved in Substantiated Reports
1995	1,381	465	840
1996	1,642	544	933
1997	1,598	578	1,045
1998	1,773	606	1,037
1999	1,369	581	906
2000	1,271	628	967
2001	1,366	671	1,043
2002	1,500	658	995
2003	2,910	732	1,121
2004	5,165	1,382	1,982

The number of child abuse or neglect investigations in the Eastern Service Area of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services has increase 274.0% from calendar year 1995 - 2004. The number of cases investigated in 2004 was 5,165, a increase of 277.3% since 1999.

Child Abuse or Neglect
Eastern Service Area

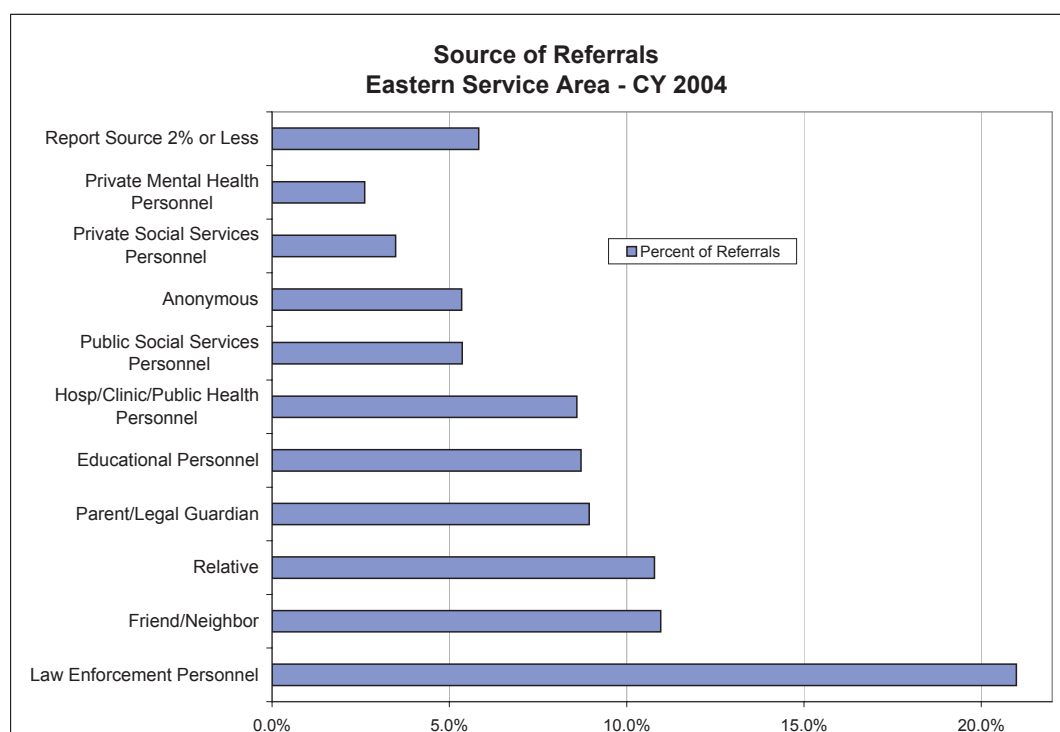


Eastern Service Area

Source of Abuse or Neglect Reports - CY 2004

Under Nebraska law, citizens are required to report suspected child abuse or neglect to their local law enforcement agencies or the Department. The following table shows the source of reports investigated in the Eastern Service Area.

Source of Reports	Total Abuse or Neglect Reports Investigated	
	Total	Percent
Law Enforcement Personnel	1,084	21.0%
Friend/Neighbor	566	11.0%
Relative	557	10.8%
Parent/Legal Guardian	462	8.9%
Educational Personnel	450	8.7%
Hosp/Clinic/Public Health Personnel	444	8.6%
Unknown	291	5.6%
Public Social Services Personnel	277	5.4%
Anonymous	276	5.3%
Private Social Services Personnel	180	3.5%
Other	142	2.7%
Private Mental Health Personnel	135	2.6%
Private Doctor/Nurse	82	1.6%
Child Care Personnel	46	0.9%
Public Mental Health Personnel	43	0.8%
Alleged Victim	36	0.7%
Court/Judge	21	0.4%
Day Care Center Personnel	21	0.4%
Public Residential Facility Personnel	17	0.3%
Foster Parent	16	0.3%
Private Residential Facility Personnel	7	0.1%
Private Attorney	4	0.1%
Prosecutor	4	0.1%
Alleged Perpetrator	2	0.0%
Public Defender	2	0.0%
Total	5,165	100.0%



Eastern Service Area
Types of Abuse or Neglect in Substantiated Cases - CY 2004

In a single case, a child (or children) could have been involved with one or more substantiated types of abuse or neglect so the number of substantiated allegations is larger than the total number of involved children in these instances. If a child was involved in more than one case with substantiated instances of abuse or neglect in both cases, then that child would be counted in each case.

Types of Substantiated Abuse or Neglect
Eastern Service Area - CY 1995 - 2004

Calendar Year	Physical Abuse	Emotional Abuse	Physical Neglect	Emotional Neglect	Med Neg Hndcp Infant	Sexual Abuse	Children Involved in Substantiated Reports of Abuse
1995	338	0	692	0	0	65	840
1996	340	0	739	0	0	99	933
1997	468	0	877	0	0	82	1,045
1998	374	0	859	0	0	90	1,036
1999	280	51	841	39	0	99	1,027
2000	269	46	715	56	0	58	846
2001	305	58	905	79	0	83	1,054
2002	228	23	947	10	0	80	995
2003	224	16	1,142	38	0	81	1,116
2004	400	19	2,297	77	1	159	1,982

In the Eastern Service Area there were 2,953 substantiated allegations of abuse or neglect involving 1,982 children or 1.5 substantiated allegations per child in 2004.

- Physical and emotional neglect together with neglect of medically handicapped infants was the most frequently substantiated form of child abuse or neglect and accounted for 2,375 (80.4%) of all substantiated allegations in 2004.
- Physical and emotional abuse was the second most frequent substantiated form of child abuse or neglect and accounted for 419 (14.2%) of all substantiated allegations in 2004.
- Sexual abuse, the third major category of child abuse or neglect, had 159 (5.4%) substantiated allegations in 2004.

Children Involved in Substantiated Reports of Abuse or Neglect
By Sex and Type of Abuse or Neglect Allegations - CY 2004

Type of Allegation	Sex		Total
	Female	Male	
Physical Abuse	163	161	324
Emotional Abuse	9	7	16
Sexual Abuse	110	25	135
Emotional Neglect	21	32	53
Physical Neglect	720	733	1,453
Med Neg Hndcp Infant	1	0	1
Total	1,024	958	1,982



Eastern Service Area - CY 2004
Characteristics of Children Involved in Abuse or Neglect - Statewide
Sex and Age of Involved Children

Statewide	Children Involved in Substantiated Reports by Sex and Age			
Age at Report Date	Female	Male	Total	Percent
<2	177	198	375	18.9%
02	67	73	140	7.1%
03	87	84	171	8.6%
04	63	64	127	6.4%
05	69	78	147	7.4%
06	53	70	123	6.2%
07	47	54	101	5.1%
08	53	60	113	5.7%
09	48	49	97	4.9%
10	52	32	84	4.2%
11	46	45	91	4.6%
12	47	36	83	4.2%
13	53	39	92	4.6%
14	62	31	93	4.7%
15	57	35	92	4.6%
16	28	18	46	2.3%
17	31	15	46	2.3%
Over 17	3	3	6	0.3%
Total	1,043	984	2,027	100.0%
Percent (Total)	51.5%	48.5%	100.0%	
Statewide Unduplicated	1,023	959	1,982	100.0% 1,981
Percent (Undup)	51.6%	48.4%	100.0%	

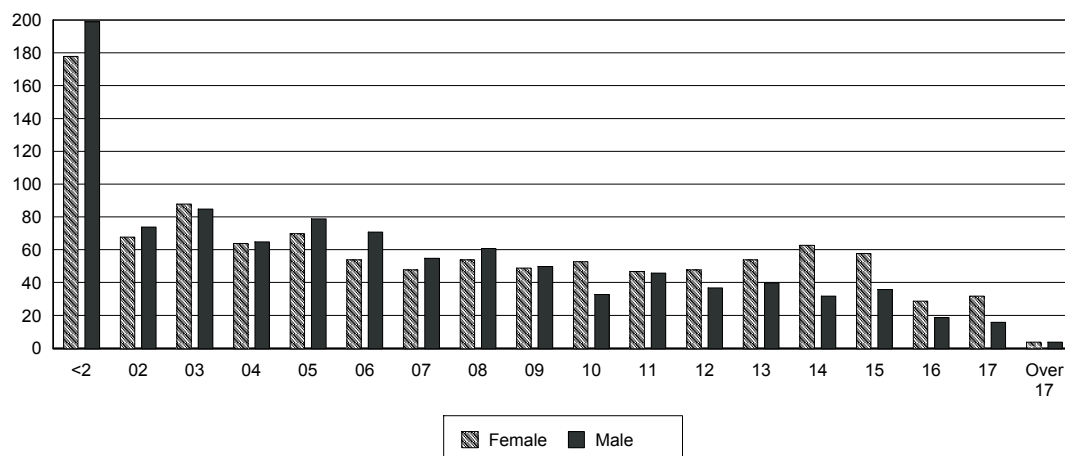
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. In the 5,165 investigations of child abuse or neglect in the Eastern Service Area in 2004, 1,382 cases were substantiated. The substantiated investigations involved 1,982 children. Of those, 1,023 were female and 959 were male.

. The average age for the involved children was **7.2** years.

. The median age of the involved children was **6.4** years.

Children Involved in Substantiated Reports of Abuse or Neglect by Age & Sex
Eastern Service Area - CY 2004



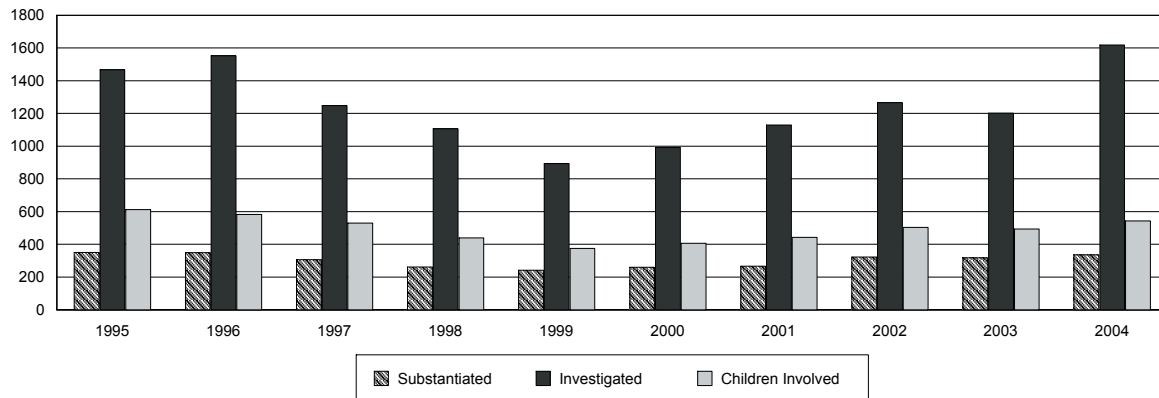
Northern Service Area
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS STATISTICS

CALENDAR YEARS 1995 - 2004

Calendar Year	Total Abuse or Neglect Reports Investigated	Total Abuse or Neglect Reports Substantiated	Children Involved in Substantiated Reports
1995	1,467	352	613
1996	1,552	349	583
1997	1,249	307	531
1998	1,106	263	441
1999	895	242	376
2000	994	261	408
2001	1,130	267	443
2002	1,266	323	505
2003	1,203	318	494
2004	1,618	336	544

The number of child abuse or neglect investigations in the Northern Service Area of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services has increase 10.3% from calendar year 1995 - 2004. The number of cases investigated in 2004 was 1,618, a increase of 80.8% since 1999.

Child Abuse or Neglect
Northern Service Area

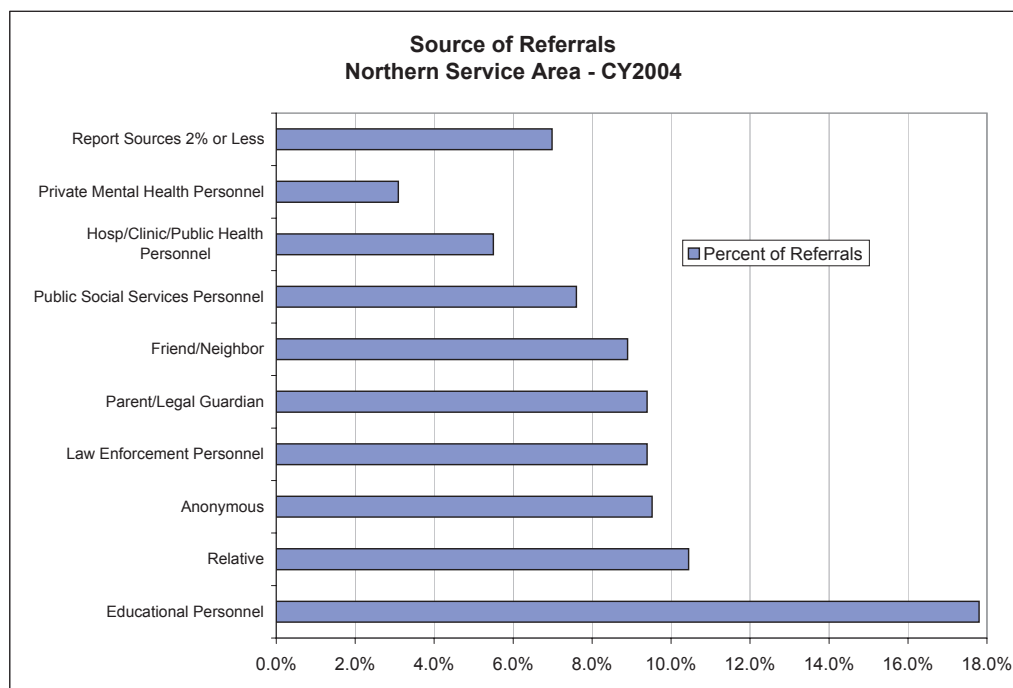


Northern Service Area

Source of Abuse or Neglect Reports - CY 2004

Under Nebraska law, citizens are required to report suspected child abuse or neglect to their local law enforcement agencies or the Department. The following table shows the source of reports investigated in the Northern Service Area.

Source of Reports	Total Abuse or Neglect Reports Investigated	
	Total	Percent
Educational Personnel	288	17.8%
Relative	169	10.4%
Anonymous	154	9.5%
Law Enforcement Personnel	152	9.4%
Parent/Legal Guardian	152	9.4%
Friend/Neighbor	144	8.9%
Public Social Services Personnel	123	7.6%
Unknown	112	6.9%
Hosp/Clinic/Public Health Personnel	89	5.5%
Other	72	4.4%
Private Mental Health Personnel	50	3.1%
Private Doctor/Nurse	23	1.4%
Private Social Services Personnel	22	1.4%
Day Care Center Personnel	13	0.8%
Alleged Victim	13	0.8%
Public Mental Health Personnel	10	0.6%
Public Residential Facility Personnel	9	0.6%
Child Care Personnel	7	0.4%
Prosecutor	7	0.4%
Private Residential Facility Personnel	4	0.2%
Foster Parent	2	0.1%
Court/Judge	2	0.1%
Private Attorney	1	0.1%
Total	1618	100.0%



Northern Service Area
Types of Abuse or Neglect in Substantiated Cases - CY 2004

In a single case, a child (or children) could have been involved with one or more substantiated types of abuse or neglect so the number of substantiated allegations is larger than the total number of involved children in these instances. If a child was involved in more than one case with substantiated instances of abuse or neglect in both cases, then that child would be counted in each case.

Types of Substantiated Abuse or Neglect
Northern Service Area - CY 1995 - 2004

Calendar Year	Physical Abuse	Emotional Abuse	Physical Neglect	Emotional Neglect	Med Neg Hndcp Infant	Sexual Abuse	Children Involved in Substantiated Reports of Abuse
1995	221	0	407	0	0	71	613
1996	180	0	346	0	0	79	583
1997	164	0	341	0	0	78	531
1998	141	0	310	0	0	59	442
1999	119	41	279	21	2	41	351
2000	134	30	286	27	0	22	351
2001	172	61	337	8	4	51	407
2002	120	33	508	20	2	62	505
2003	116	32	445	9	4	67	494
2004	135	52	481	20	0	71	544

In the Northern Service Area there were 759 substantiated allegations of abuse or neglect involving 544 children or 1.4 substantiated allegations per child in 2004.

- Physical and emotional neglect together with neglect of medically handicapped infants was the most frequently substantiated form of child abuse or neglect and accounted for 501 (66.0%) of all substantiated allegations in 2004.
- Physical and emotional abuse was the second most frequent substantiated form of child abuse or neglect and accounted for 187 (24.6%) of all substantiated allegations in 2004.
- Sexual abuse, the third major category of child abuse or neglect, had 71 (9.4%) substantiated allegations in 2004.

Children Involved in Substantiated Reports of Abuse or Neglect
By Sex and Type of Abuse or Neglect Allegations - CY 2004

Type of Allegation	Sex		Total
	Female	Male	
Physical Abuse	50	56	106
Emotional Abuse	25	15	40
Sexual Abuse	56	5	61
Emotional Neglect	5	7	12
Physical Neglect	163	162	325
Med Neg Hndcp Infant	0	0	0
Total	299	245	544



Northern Service Area - CY 2004
Characteristics of Children Involved in Abuse or Neglect - Statewide
Sex and Age of Involved Children

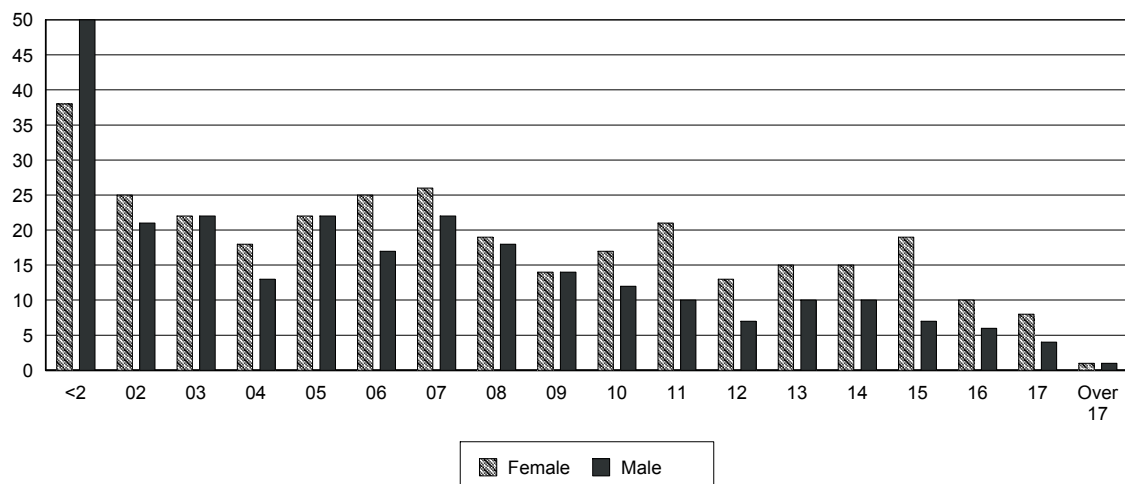
Statewide	Children Involved in Substantiated Reports by Sex and Age			
Age at Report Date	Female	Male	Total	Percent
<2	37	49	86	15.8%
02	24	20	44	8.1%
03	21	21	42	7.7%
04	17	12	29	5.3%
05	21	21	42	7.7%
06	24	16	40	7.4%
07	25	21	46	8.5%
08	18	17	35	6.4%
09	13	13	26	4.8%
10	16	11	27	5.0%
11	20	9	29	5.3%
12	12	6	18	3.3%
13	14	9	23	4.2%
14	14	9	23	4.2%
15	18	6	24	4.4%
16	9	5	14	2.6%
17	7	3	10	1.8%
Over 17	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	310	248	558	100.0%
Percent (Total)	55.6%	44.4%	100.0%	
Statewide Unduplicated	299	245	544	100.0%
Percent (Undup)	55.0%	45.0%	100.0%	

NOTE: Child age is determined as of the report date to the agency. Children involved in more than one report are counted for each age, but unduplicated at the state level.

- In the 1,618 investigations of child abuse or neglect in the Northern Service Area in 2004, 336 cases were substantiated. The substantiated investigations involved 544 children. Of those, 299 were female and 245 were male.
- The average age for the involved children was **7.2** years.
- The median age of the involved children was **6.8** years.

Children Involved in Substantiated Reports of Abuse or Neglect by Age & Sex

Northern Service Area - CY 2004



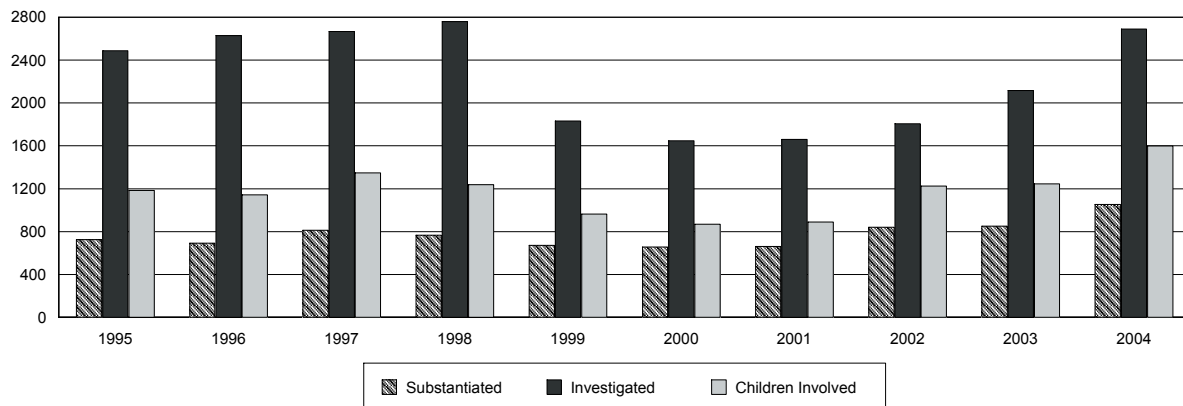
Southeast Service Area
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS STATISTICS

CALENDAR YEARS 1995 - 2004

Calendar Year	Total Abuse or Neglect Reports Investigated	Total Abuse or Neglect Reports Substantiated	Children Involved in Substantiated Reports
1995	2,486	725	1,185
1996	2,629	693	1,144
1997	2,665	814	1,347
1998	2,758	766	1,239
1999	1,833	671	964
2000	1,647	657	869
2001	1,659	661	889
2002	1,805	842	1,225
2003	2,117	851	1,245
2004	2,689	1,053	1,599

The number of child abuse or neglect investigations in the Southeast Service Area of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services has increase 8.2% from calendar year 1995 - 2004. The number of cases investigated in 2004 was 2,689, a increase of 46.7% since 1999.

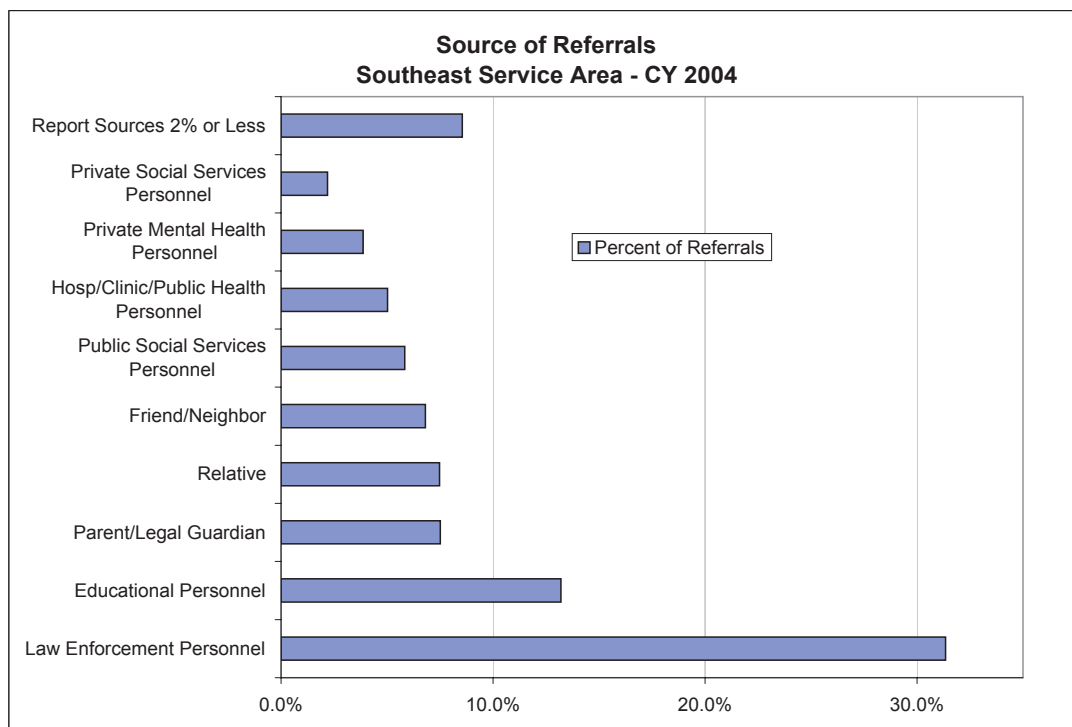
Child Abuse or Neglect
Southeast Service Area



Southeast Service Area
Source of Abuse or Neglect Reports - CY 2004

Under Nebraska law, citizens are required to report suspected child abuse or neglect to their local law enforcement agencies or the Department. The following table shows the source of reports investigated in the Southeast Service Area.

Source of Reports	Total Abuse or Neglect Reports Investigated	
	Total	Percent
Law Enforcement Personnel	843	31.3%
Educational Personnel	355	13.2%
Parent/Legal Guardian	202	7.5%
Relative	201	7.5%
Friend/Neighbor	183	6.8%
Public Social Services Personnel	157	5.8%
Hosp/Clinic/Public Health Personnel	135	5.0%
Unknown	123	4.6%
Private Mental Health Personnel	104	3.9%
Other	97	3.6%
Private Social Services Personnel	59	2.2%
Prosecutor	43	1.6%
Anonymous	37	1.4%
Private Doctor/Nurse	36	1.3%
Day Care Center Personnel	22	0.8%
Child Care Personnel	19	0.7%
Alleged Victim	16	0.6%
Private Residential Facility Personnel	14	0.5%
Public Mental Health Personnel	14	0.5%
Foster Parent	10	0.4%
Court/Judge	8	0.3%
Public Residential Facility Personnel	6	0.2%
Private Attorney	4	0.1%
Alleged Perpetrator	1	0.0%
Total	2,689	100.0%



Southeast Service Area
Types of Abuse or Neglect in Substantiated Cases - CY 2004

In a single case, a child (or children) could have been involved with one or more substantiated types of abuse or neglect so the number of substantiated allegations is larger than the total number of involved children in these instances. If a child was involved in more than one case with substantiated instances of abuse or neglect in both cases, then that child would be counted in each case.

Types of Substantiated Abuse or Neglect
Southeast Service Area - CY 1995 - 2004

Calendar Year	Physical Abuse	Emotional Abuse	Physical Neglect	Emotional Neglect	Med Neg Hndcp Infant	Sexual Abuse	Children Involved in Substantiated Reports of Abuse
1995	376	0	856	0	0	140	1,185
1996	325	0	837	0	0	146	1,144
1997	323	0	1,009	0	0	134	1,347
1998	277	0	924	0	0	112	1,239
1999	231	47	839	316	0	91	1,132
2000	181	29	678	198	0	72	869
2001	226	105	634	73	0	89	884
2002	302	318	1,253	179	0	96	1,225
2003	254	287	1,400	134	0	103	1,245
2004	244	267	2,156	204	0	110	1,599

In the Southeast Service Area there were 2,981 substantiated allegations of abuse or neglect involving 1,599 children or 1.9 substantiated allegations per child in 2004.

- Physical and emotional neglect together with neglect of medically handicapped infants was the most frequently substantiated form of child abuse or neglect and accounted for 2,360 (79.2%) of all substantiated allegations in 2004.
- Physical and emotional abuse was the second most frequent substantiated form of child abuse or neglect and accounted for 511 (17.1%) of all substantiated allegations in 2004.
- Sexual abuse, the third major category of child abuse or neglect, had 110 (3.7%) substantiated allegations in 2004.

Children Involved in Substantiated Reports of Abuse or Neglect
By Sex and Type of Abuse or Neglect Allegations - CY 2004

Type of Allegation	Sex		Total
	Female	Male	
Physical Abuse	80	92	172
Emotional Abuse	72	71	143
Sexual Abuse	70	12	82
Emotional Neglect	62	52	114
Physical Neglect	501	587	1,088
Med Neg Hndcp Infant	0	0	0
Total	785	814	1,599



Southeast Service Area - CY 2004
Characteristics of Children Involved in Abuse or Neglect - Statewide
Sex and Age of Involved Children

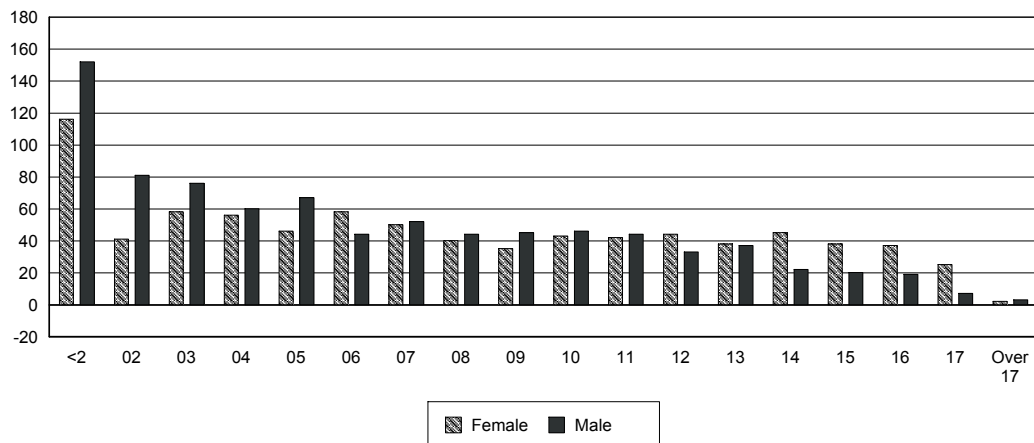
Statewide	Children Involved in Substantiated Reports by Sex and Age				
Age at Report Date	Female	Male	Total	Percent	
<2	115	151	266	16.6%	
02	40	80	120	7.5%	
03	57	75	132	8.3%	
04	55	59	114	7.1%	
05	45	66	111	6.9%	
06	57	43	100	6.3%	
07	49	51	100	6.3%	
08	39	43	82	5.1%	
09	34	44	78	4.9%	
10	42	45	87	5.4%	
11	41	43	84	5.3%	
12	43	32	75	4.7%	
13	37	36	73	4.6%	
14	44	21	65	4.1%	
15	37	19	56	3.5%	
16	36	18	54	3.4%	
17	24	6	30	1.9%	
Over 17	1	2	3	0.2%	
Total	796	834	1,630	100.0%	
Percent (Total)	48.8%	51.2%	100.0%		
Statewide Unduplicated	785	814	1,599	100.0%	1,599
Percent (Undup)	49.1%	50.9%	100.0%		

NOTE: Child age is determined as of the report date to the agency. Children involved in more than one report are counted for each age, but unduplicated at the state level.

- In the 2,689 investigations of child abuse or neglect in the Southeast Service Area in 2004, 1,053 cases were substantiated. The substantiated investigations involved 1,599 children. Of those, 785 were female and 814 were male.
- The average age for the involved children was **7.4** years.
- The median age of the involved children was **6.9** years.

Children Involved in Substantiated Reports of Abuse or Neglect by Age & Sex

Southeast Service Area - CY 2004



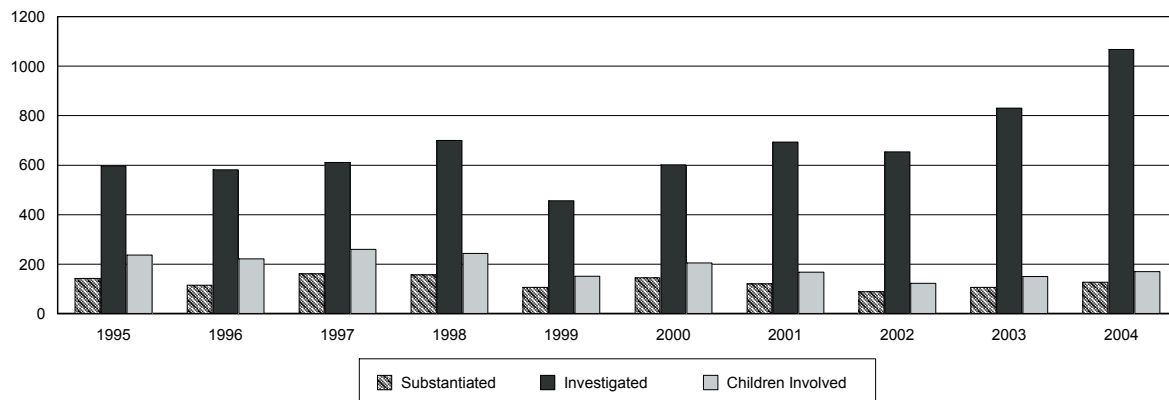
Southwest Service Area
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS STATISTICS

CALENDAR YEARS 1995 - 2004

Calendar Year	Total Abuse or Neglect Reports Investigated	Total Abuse or Neglect Reports Substantiated	Children Involved in Substantiated Reports
1995	596	142	236
1996	581	115	221
1997	611	161	260
1998	699	156	243
1999	456	106	151
2000	601	144	205
2001	693	120	167
2002	653	88	122
2003	830	106	150
2004	1,067	127	169

The number of child abuse or neglect investigations in the Southwest Service Area of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services has increase 79.0% from calendar year 1995 - 2004. The number of cases investigated in 2004 was 1,067, a increase of 134.0% since 1999.

Child Abuse or Neglect
Southwest Service Area



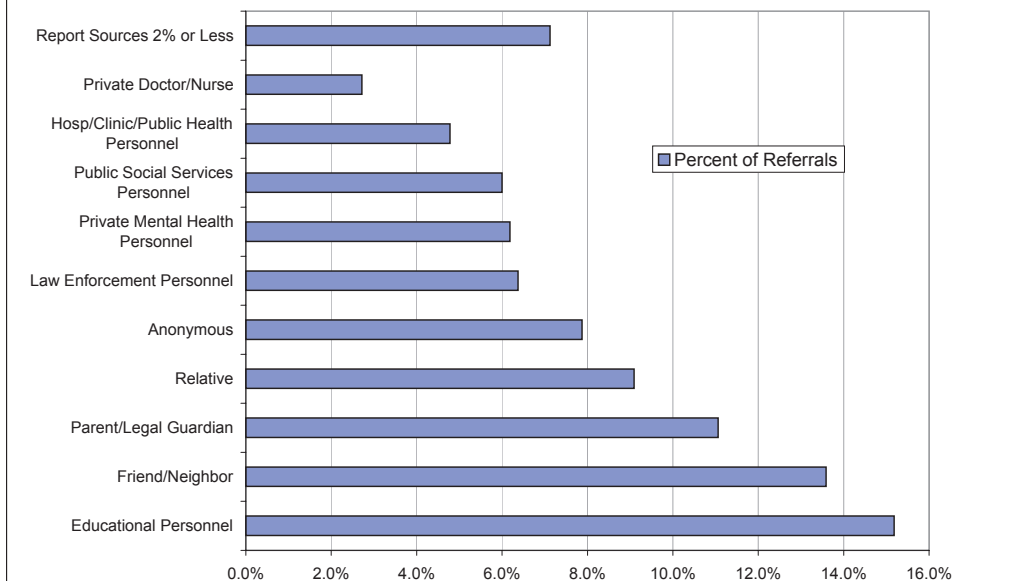
Southwest Service Area

Source of Abuse or Neglect Reports - CY 2004

Under Nebraska law, citizens are required to report suspected child abuse or neglect to their local law enforcement agencies or the Department. The following table shows the source of reports investigated in the Southwest Service Area.

Source of Reports	Total Abuse or Neglect Reports Investigated	
	Total	Percent
Educational Personnel	162	15.2%
Friend/Neighbor	145	13.6%
Parent/Legal Guardian	118	11.1%
Relative	97	9.1%
Anonymous	84	7.9%
Law Enforcement Personnel	68	6.4%
Private Mental Health Personnel	66	6.2%
Public Social Services Personnel	64	6.0%
Other	62	5.8%
Hosp/Clinic/Public Health Personnel	51	4.8%
Unknown	45	4.2%
Private Doctor/Nurse	29	2.7%
Private Social Services Personnel	20	1.9%
Day Care Center Personnel	18	1.7%
Alleged Victim	9	0.8%
Child Care Personnel	8	0.7%
Foster Parent	8	0.7%
Private Residential Facility Personnel	7	0.7%
Public Mental Health Personnel	4	0.4%
Private Attorney	2	0.2%
Total	1,067	100.0%

Source of Referrals
Southwest Service Area - CY2004



Southwest Service Area
Types of Abuse or Neglect in Substantiated Cases - CY 2004

In a single case, a child (or children) could have been involved with one or more substantiated types of abuse or neglect so the number of substantiated allegations is larger than the total number of involved children in these instances. If a child was involved in more than one case with substantiated instances of abuse or neglect in both cases, then that child would be counted in each case.

Types of Substantiated Abuse or Neglect
Southwest Service Area - CY 1995 - 2004

Calendar Year	Physical Abuse	Emotional Abuse	Physical Neglect	Emotional Neglect	Med Neg Hndcp Infant	Sexual Abuse	Children Involved in Substantiated Reports of Abuse
1995	89	0	141	0	0	57	236
1996	90	0	156	0	0	23	221
1997	103	0	170	0	0	42	260
1998	70	0	162	0	0	42	243
1999	37	8	153	2	10	41	227
2000	69	19	135	20	0	42	207
2001	65	29	144	33	0	49	220
2002	39	13	102	5	0	16	122
2003	41	3	134	4	2	26	150
2004	58	2	146	3	0	28	169

In the Southwest Service Area there were 237 substantiated allegations of abuse or neglect involving 169 children or 1.4 substantiated allegations per child in 2004.

- Physical and emotional neglect together with neglect of medically handicapped infants was the most frequently substantiated form of child abuse or neglect and accounted for 149 (62.9%) of all substantiated allegations in 2004.
- Physical and emotional abuse was the second most frequent substantiated form of child abuse or neglect and accounted for 60 (25.3%) of all substantiated allegations in 2004.
- Sexual abuse, the third major category of child abuse or neglect, had 28 (11.8%) substantiated allegations in 2004.

Children Involved in Substantiated Reports of Abuse or Neglect
By Sex and Type of Abuse or Neglect Allegations - CY 2004

Type of Allegation	Sex		Total
	Female	Male	
Physical Abuse	17	29	46
Emotional Abuse	0	2	2
Sexual Abuse	15	8	23
Emotional Neglect	2	1	3
Physical Neglect	48	47	95
Med Neg Hndcp Infant	0	0	0
Total	82	87	169



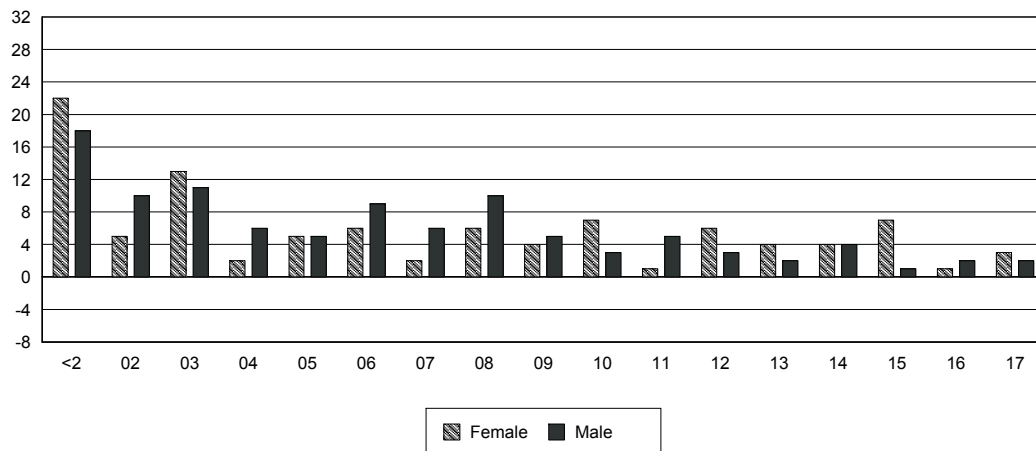
Southwest Service Area - CY 2004
Characteristics of Children Involved in Abuse or Neglect - Statewide
Sex and Age of Involved Children

Statewide	Children Involved in Substantiated Reports by Sex and Age			
Age at Report Date	Female	Male	Total	Percent
<2	21	17	38	22.5%
02	4	9	13	7.7%
03	12	10	22	13.0%
04	1	5	6	3.6%
05	4	4	8	4.7%
06	5	8	13	7.7%
07	2	5	7	4.1%
08	5	9	14	8.3%
09	3	5	8	4.7%
10	6	2	8	4.7%
11	0	4	4	2.4%
12	5	2	7	4.1%
13	3	2	5	3.0%
14	3	3	6	3.6%
15	6	0	6	3.6%
16	0	1	1	0.6%
17	2	1	3	1.8%
Total	82	87	169	100.0%
Percent (Total)	48.5%	51.5%	100.0%	
Statewide Unduplicated	82	87	169	100.0% 169
Percent (Undup)	48.5%	51.5%	100.0%	

NOTE: Child age is determined as of the report date to the agency. Children involved in more than one report are counted for each age, but unduplicated at the state level.

- In the 1,067 investigations of child abuse or neglect in the Southwest Service Area in 2004, 127 cases were substantiated. The substantiated investigations involved 169 children. Of those, 82 were female and 87 were male.
- The average age for the involved children was **6.2** years.
- The median age of the involved children was **5.7** years.

Children Involved in Substantiated Reports of Abuse or Neglect by Age & Sex
Southwest Service Area - CY 2004



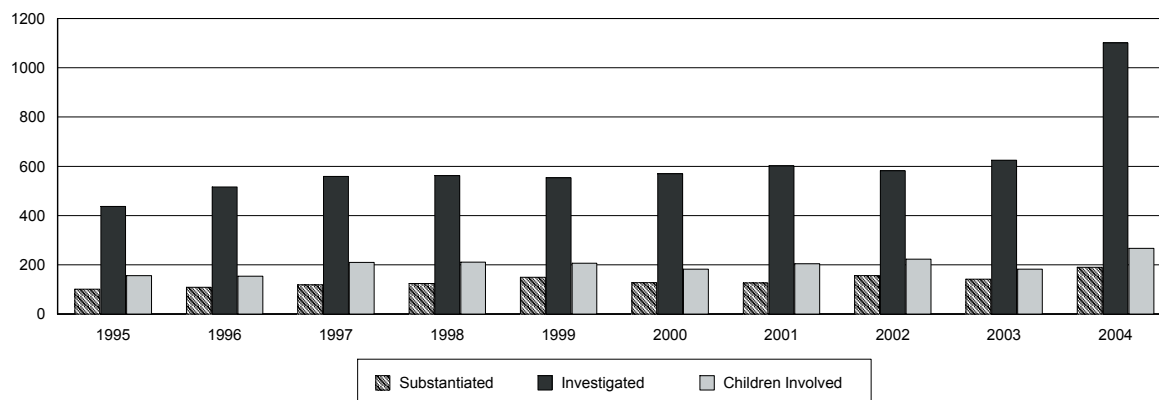
Western Service Area
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS STATISTICS

CALENDAR YEARS 1995 - 2004

Calendar Year	Total Abuse or Neglect Reports Investigated	Total Abuse or Neglect Reports Substantiated	Children Involved in Substantiated Reports
1995	437	101	156
1996	516	109	154
1997	559	119	210
1998	562	125	211
1999	554	150	207
2000	570	128	183
2001	602	127	205
2002	582	156	223
2003	625	142	183
2004	1,101	190	267

The number of child abuse or neglect investigations in the Western Service Area of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services has increase 151.9% from calendar year 1995 - 2004. The number of cases investigated in 2004 was 1,101, a increase of 98.7% since 1999.

Child Abuse or Neglect
Western Service Area

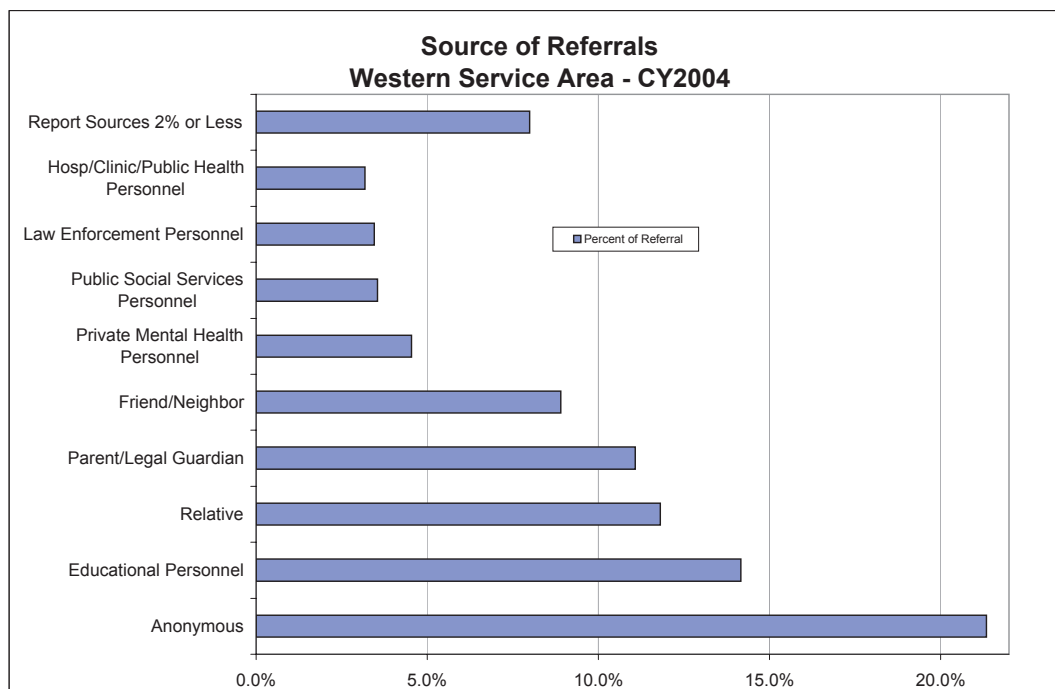


Western Service Area

Source of Abuse or Neglect Reports - CY 2004

Under Nebraska law, citizens are required to report suspected child abuse or neglect to their local law enforcement agencies or the Department. The following table shows the source of reports investigated in the Western Service Area.

Source of Reports	Total Abuse or Neglect Reports Investigated	
	Total	Percent
Anonymous	235	21.3%
Educational Personnel	156	14.2%
Relative	130	11.8%
Parent/Legal Guardian	122	11.1%
Friend/Neighbor	98	8.9%
Other	72	6.5%
Private Mental Health Personnel	50	4.5%
Public Social Services Personnel	39	3.5%
Law Enforcement Personnel	38	3.5%
Unknown	38	3.5%
Hosp/Clinic/Public Health Personnel	35	3.2%
Private Social Services Personnel	17	1.5%
Private Doctor/Nurse	16	1.5%
Public Mental Health Personnel	14	1.3%
Alleged Victim	10	0.9%
Child Care Personnel	9	0.8%
Day Care Center Personnel	8	0.7%
Foster Parent	4	0.4%
Private Residential Facility Personnel	4	0.4%
Prosecutor	3	0.3%
Public Residential Facility Personnel	2	0.2%
Alleged Perpetrator	1	0.1%
Total	1,101	100.0%



Western Service Area
Types of Abuse or Neglect in Substantiated Cases - CY 2004

In a single case, a child (or children) could have been involved with one or more substantiated types of abuse or neglect so the number of substantiated allegations is larger than the total number of involved children in these instances. If a child was involved in more than one case with substantiated instances of abuse or neglect in both cases, then that child would be counted in each case.

Types of Substantiated Abuse or Neglect
Western Service Area - CY 1995 - 2004

Calendar Year	Physical Abuse	Emotional Abuse	Physical Neglect	Emotional Neglect	Med Neg Hndcp Infant	Sexual Abuse	Children Involved in Substantiated Reports of Abuse
1995	55	0	96	0	0	21	156
1996	52	0	85	0	0	31	154
1997	72	0	145	0	0	23	210
1998	66	0	146	0	0	36	211
1999	61	26	148	15	0	50	213
2000	38	8	114	22	0	43	180
2001	40	8	145	20	0	32	180
2002	69	31	186	13	0	46	223
2003	68	5	113	17	0	37	183
2004	64	4	269	20	0	34	267

In the Western Service Area there were 391 substantiated allegations of abuse or neglect involving 267 children or 1.5 substantiated allegations per child in 2004.

- Physical and emotional neglect together with neglect of medically handicapped infants was the most frequently substantiated form of child abuse or neglect and accounted for 289 (73.9%) of all substantiated allegations in 2004.
- Physical and emotional abuse was the second most frequent substantiated form of child abuse or neglect and accounted for 68 (17.4%) of all substantiated allegations in 2004.
- Sexual abuse, the third major category of child abuse or neglect, had 34 (8.7%) substantiated allegations in 2004.

Children Involved in Substantiated Reports of Abuse or Neglect
By Sex and Type of Abuse or Neglect Allegations - CY 2004

Type of Allegation	Sex		Total
	Female	Male	
Physical Abuse	24	29	53
Emotional Abuse	1	1	2
Sexual Abuse	25	2	27
Emotional Neglect	8	5	13
Physical Neglect	78	94	172
Med Neg Hndcp Infant	0	0	0
Total	136	131	267



Western Service Area - CY 2004
Characteristics of Children Involved in Abuse or Neglect - Statewide
Sex and Age of Involved Children

Statewide	Children Involved in Substantiated Reports by Sex and Age			
Age at Report Date	Female	Male	Total	Percent
<2	15	30	45	16.9%
02	6	6	12	4.5%
03	14	11	25	9.4%
04	8	13	21	7.9%
05	7	5	12	4.5%
06	7	9	16	6.0%
07	8	9	17	6.4%
08	6	6	12	4.5%
09	4	8	12	4.5%
10	10	4	14	5.2%
11	8	3	11	4.1%
12	11	8	19	7.1%
13	7	4	11	4.1%
14	4	5	9	3.4%
15	7	7	14	5.2%
16	6	5	11	4.1%
17	8	1	9	3.4%
Over 17	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	136	134	270	100.0%
Percent (Total)	50.4%	49.6%	100.0%	
Statewide Unduplicated	136	131	267	100.0%
Percent (Undup)	50.9%	49.1%	100.0%	

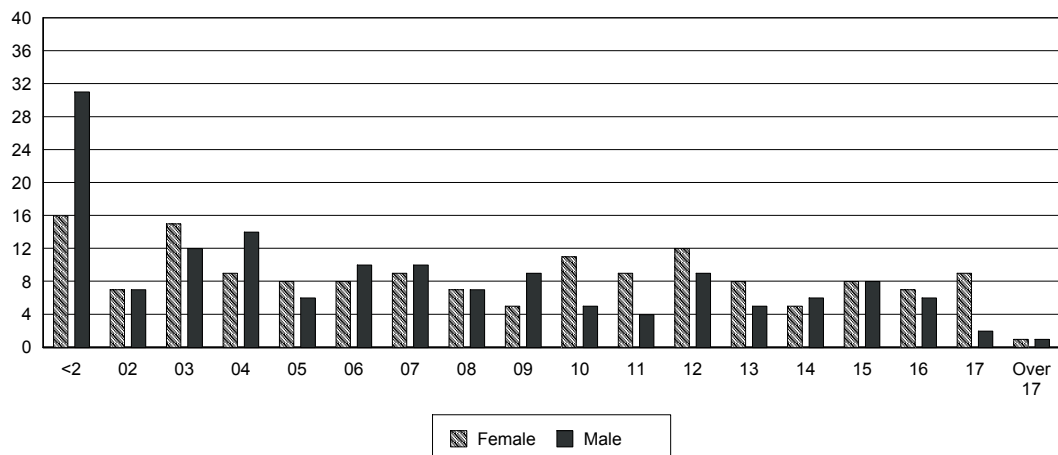
NOTE: Child age is determined as of the report date to the agency. Children involved in more than one report are counted for each age, but unduplicated at the state level.

. In the 1,101 investigations of child abuse or neglect in the Western Service Area in 2004, 190 cases were substantiated. The substantiated investigations involved 267 children. Of those, 136 were female and 131 were male.

. The average age for the involved children was **7.6** years.

. The median age of the involved children was **7.2** years.

Children Involved in Substantiated Reports of Abuse or Neglect by Age & Sex
Western Service Area - CY 2004





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